

“Out of The Hills of Hawbuck”

The Family History of  
Harry W. Hoskins  
&  
Eva V. May Hoskins  
of Vermilion County, Illinois  
By  
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## APOLOGY

No book is entirely perfect  
For errors will creep in;  
Sometimes wrong information sent  
Is what commits the sin.

And even printers make mistakes  
For which they tear their hair;  
Sometimes two people disagree  
On who or when or where.

So, if you're dead before you're born,  
Or married when you're three,  
Or I've omitted anyone  
Who sent themselves to me,

Or your last name is not your own,  
Your picture's not too good;  
I ask you, "Please forgive the crime!  
I did the best I could!"

Author Unknown

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## Dedication

Our Family History isn't colored with celebrities, famous people or anyone with significant wealth. Our Ancestors were those who fought in wars, plowed the ground and loved the earth. As the western frontiers opened up they moved west. They rafted the Ohio River. They built log cabins. They were simple folks who made their own clothes from the wool of their flocks. They fought for freedoms sake in Revolutionary, Civil and World Wars.

They carried Surnames of Hoskins, Hoskinson, Hodgkinson, Spain, Brown, Brooks, May, Wilson, and others. My ancestor's roots were from England, Germany, and other European areas. They came to America fleeing from poverty, persecution and seeking religious freedoms. Some served as indentured servants. Our Early American Great Grandfather on the Hoskins side owned a pretty good chunk of land near the area now known as Washington D.C.

As they migrated west some went North and some South. Eventually my direct line settled in the territory of Illinois. It was an early time in the country when Chicago was but a Fort a refuge from the Indians.

During the days of Abraham Lincoln some of our ancestors knew him as a Lawyer in Danville Illinois. This was before he became president. A main branch of the family settled and stayed in Illinois in the area of Vermilion County.

My mind often travels through the passages of time down an old country road where in my youth I grew and learned many of life's lessons. As I left that land of Illinois to explore new regions, I have come to grow even more and learn about the vastness of our universe. Although we sometimes feel the world revolves around ourselves and our own lives there is so much more. The Path has been laid. Blood has been spilt. Lives Lost and given. Much was sacrificed so that we may enjoy the fruits of the labor. With the heritage we enjoy what legacy are we to leave? History has been known to repeat itself. I hope that we may learn from the experiences of our ancestors. It is also my hope that through the stories and history of our ancestors we may get a glimpse of the part our ancestors contributed.

Each Ancestor was a contributing factor in who we are today. Not only does their blood flow through our veins but we share in the fruits of the Harvest they have planted.

This book is dedicated to those who have plowed the field and gone before, our Ancestors who have created this great harvest before us. May we too cultivate and nurture what we have for our future generations.



Back Left to Right: Richard (Dick), Eva W (Sis), Esther (Penny), Harry H (Pete), John T,  
Middle: Adam, Albert (Abe), Harry W., Harold, Front: Lester, Gordon (Bill).

**1967 Hoskins Reunion Williamsport Park**  
**Harry Hoskins and GrandKids**



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## Hoskins History

Written by: John Hoskins  
in 1976 for the book  
“Potomac the Artesian Village”  
*Centennial*

Grandfather Truman L. Hoskins was born Dec. 19, 1874, in Stearn County, Minn. In a homesteader's cabin during a pre-Christmas snowstorm.

His father, Ezeriah Hoskins, was born in the old town of Denmark, now submerged by Lake Vermilion, while his mother Lucretia Fugate Hoskins was a native of Kentucky.

The family undertook to homestead a place near Fairhaven, Minn. After a losing fight against winter blizzards, summer drought, wolves and grasshoppers, they sold out to relatives and returned to the vicinity of Potomac, (Indian Mound). He (Truman) was then ten years of age.

Later they traveled to the South and settled near Tullahoma, Tenn., but this venture also was unsuccessful. They started northward by flat boat to Vincennes, Ind., and from there brought their belongings back to the Danville area by horse and wagon.

Granddad Truman L. Hoskins married Carrie Olive Brown July 4, 1900. They had 12 children, six of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Hoskins died Jan 3, 1950 and one daughter, Mrs. Dora Spain preceded her in death by six months. Hoskins was married Oct. 4, 1954 at the age of 80, to Mrs. Nancy Layton of Potomac. His living descendants are: Harry (Pence Indiana), 10 children, 40 Grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren; Jessie (Hoopeston), no descendants; Mrs. Hulda Spain Jarman (Niles, Michigan), 12 children several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and Mrs. Alberta Sidwell Porter (Danville, Ill.), 3 children and several grandchildren.

On my grandfather's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday he had 105 descendants. He was retired from farming and spent most of his life in the Potomac and Danville areas. He worked a while for the Railway Co. at the time when the switch was being made from the old horse cars to the electrics.

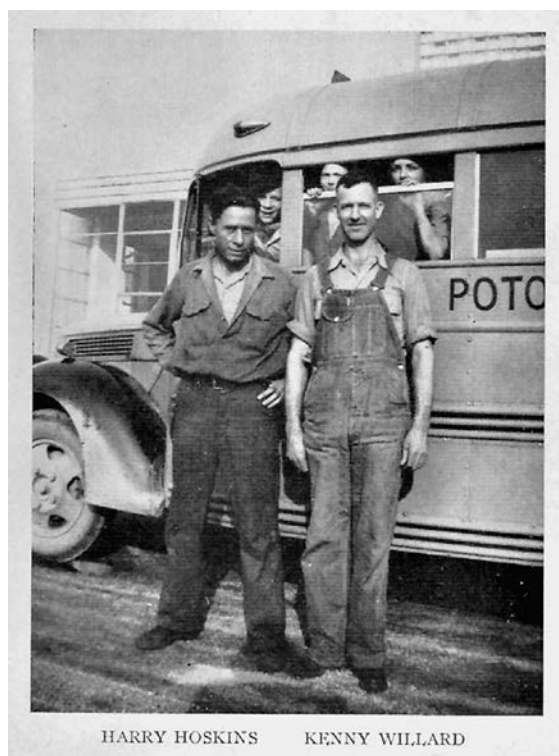
My father Harry W. Hoskins now 69 married Eva V. May of Potomac in 1926. They had 10 children. Eva passed away September, 1963. Harry was married to Pauline Markley on December 31, 1964.

His living children are John Truman, Harry Harvey, Richard Lee, Gordon Robert, Eva Waunetta, Adam Everett, Albert Leroy, Lester Dale, Harold Eugene, and Esther Virginia. Harry lived most of his life around Potomac, and worked for Jesse Stone as a carpenter in his younger years. His sons served in the armed forces – Navy, Marines, Army, War II, Korean and Vietnam.

We lived in the old Goodwine Park east of Potomac 1 mile when I was 6 years old. The State put in the new road between Potomac and Route 1. They used mules to haul dirt and Big Mac trucks chain driven to haul cement. The mules were kept in a lot across the street from Bill Downing's (Jesse Stone's).

I walked to school from the park. We moved to Blue Grass a couple of years later. That year at Christmas time the school burnt down. There was no telephone or way to get help. My dad shot 3 times in the air and it brought help from all directions, but it still burnt to the ground. We moved to the farm March 1, 1935, the Doug Alexander farm south of Potomac 1 mile, where the gravel pit is now. My brother Harry and I

started to school and on the way home one night we had a snowball fight. He got wet and cold and he lay down and would not walk. He said to me, "Just let me die and I'll not have to walk anymore." I whipped him to make him go, but that didn't help any so I had to carry him home about 1 mile. After that Dad let us drive the race mare hitched to an old buggy. (He had traded a neighbor out of 1 sow pig for a buggy.) Boy did we go to school then. We picked up the Davis kids and had horse races. We sure came up in respect to the other kids. One fall we put the corn in shocks and carried it on the hill side so we could feed the livestock that winter. The spring rain came and it took the corn down the river so Dad went broke and couldn't feed the stock and we had to sell the farm.



He started carpenter work then and worked over at the base and also drove the school bus. His and Mom's dream came true – some land of their own. Boy, we lived- 3 acres of brush and mosquitoes! We cleared a garden spot and fenced the rest. We picked berries (wild strawberries, raspberries, blackberries); we

fished, and hunted squirrel and rabbit. There were mushrooms (we lived off the fat of the land!) and sassafras tea (I drank gallons)! Harvey Pollitt made sorghum and we helped him strip the leaves of the cane for some syrup, and in the spring we made Maple Syrup. I could always see my mom's eyes sparkle when I'd bring her a handful of Sweet Williams, as it was her favorite.

We moved back to town about 1942 in my Grandfather May's house on May Street just north of the railroad. There we country boys went wild. Mom and Dad had to take us back to the woods so they bought 40 acres and this is what Mom called, "Hills of Hawbuck," just west of Jamesburg 2 ½ mile at the Selsor Ford, end of the road. We had our own swimming hole, our own everything- berries and hunting! About this time I joined the Navy. I didn't miss too much of my home life because my mother was a school teacher before she married. She could put more on paper than most people can talk. She only told be the happy things that happened or the funny ones- about how the cow knocked out Harry's front tooth, or maybe Bill stepped on a nail or bill ran a skunk across the picnic blanket down by the river at the old turtle tree.

But back to history, I guess remaining in history. Time passes us by, and now I am a grandfather. We have a redheaded granddaughter and a grandson with big brown eyes. And now comes the time in my life t pass on my knowledge of fishing and hunting and finding mushrooms to my grandchildren. All the knowledge that they will absorb, or that I can make interesting enough for them to want to learn, has taken me 50 years to learn.



# The Hoskins Family Of Vermilion County Illinois

## **Introduction**

It may have looked like Army Maneuvers. Actually it was the Hoskins Family Reunion. You Know, the kind with long tables filled with all kinds of scrumptious food no one's seen the like of since the last reunion. Lots of people laughing and recalling the Good Old Days. And Games Ah Yes, "The Games".

The 200 or so Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Ezeriah Hoskins, who settled in the Potomac-Penfield area before the Civil War, started gathering at the Potomac City Park, site of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Reunion, on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1980. They had tents and campers and some had come from quite a long distance from other states. They had a wiener roast and games, kind of a reunion warm up, and next day, when more of the family arrived, there was a 50's and 60's Sock Hop and dance contest. Last Sunday what with all the prizes and games and things was the "Special" day. There was an auction of Hoskins made goods from a professional caliber oil painting to a mass of other items, both useful and frivolous, which brought more than five hundred dollars to the treasury to pay for next year's wiener roast, contest prizes, soda pop, cake and ice cream.

But the "Big Event" was flag football, chosen said Eva Hoskins (Flack) of Pence Ind. "because the Nephews (The High school boys) challenged the Fathers and Uncles to a game of football. Flag football seemed like the mildest."

She changed her mind about "Mild" after the third play. "They threw the flags down. All of a sudden it was Blood and Guts Football!"

At the end of the game, which the Fathers and Uncles surprised their progeny by winning, Eva's husband Lee Flack, was in the hospital with two broken ribs and a suspected ruptured spleen. Tom Spain of Potomac, Illinois was there with a badly sprained thumb. Freddie "Little Fred" Hoskins Jr. of Williamsport, Indiana was getting treatment for a broken nose. Guest Randy Devore of Georgetown was getting his broken rib taped; guest Dick Waterstradt of Williamsport rural route was being examined for a bruised elbow, and Larry Lovett of Georgetown was being treated for a sprained ankle.

The Hoskins' family always welcomes guests. A special one this year was Elif Skappel, an exchange student from Ringsaker, Norway, who arrived Saturday to spend the school year with the Sparta, Michigan branch of the family. Because Elif came away from the Reunion without a scratch, the family is giving him a T-Shirt inscribed "I Survived The Hoskins Family Reunion of Potomac, Ill., U.S.A."

The above was taken from the Danville Paper of Aug 1980 Written by Jean Byrum.

## Our Little Tree

By JC Hoskins

Our little tree has grown so much, getting bigger every year.  
Passed down through generations from my ancestors so dear.

Its branches have grown bigger, exceeding even time.  
Each generation helped it grow to show our family lines.

A pedigree of life, this is our Family Tree.  
What sweet fruit it does bear through all of History.

Cousins, Uncles, Fathers Mothers,  
Aunts, and Grandmas, Sisters and Brothers.

This mighty tree that branches out, my lineage it does hold.  
With stories for each life that's past just waiting to be told.

Soon a Grandson or Granddaughter I will add upon this tree.  
As these branches stretch throughout all time into Eternity.

Someday upon this tree someone will look and ponder.  
And point to me and proudly say, "That is my Great, Great, Great, Grandfather".



RaeLynn and Jim Hoskins



## Family History a Way of Life

My Name is James Charles Hoskins (Jim)

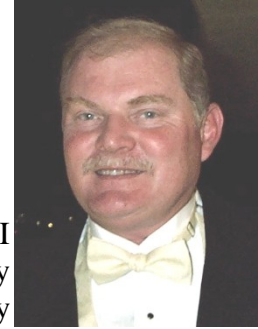
For me, Genealogy is more than a hobby; it's a way of life.

After over 20 years of having the genealogy bug I reflect back on what I have learned by studying family history. It was the summer of 1963 that My Grandmother and her Sister-In-Laws got together and decided that a family reunion would be a good thing to start. Unfortunately my grandmother wasn't well enough to attend the first reunion and passed away a month or so later. Little did they know however that over 50 years later that tradition would still be continued on the first Sunday in August in the little town of Potomac Illinois.

I remember as a kid looking forward to the gathering of Aunts, Uncles, and especially cousins. My Dad is the oldest of 10, 8 brothers and 2 sisters. Each married and having a good amount of kids themselves. So when the group got together it was a lot of fun. The families have grown over the years into second cousins, thirds, Great Aunts and Uncles and sometimes even a foreign exchange student. The Friday night before it all begins the RV's, campers, and tents start arriving and start setting up in the city park. By Saturday several activities have begun including that great old American game of baseball. Volleyball, football and other activities fill the day. For the older folks a game of Euchre, Horseshoes or just getting to know those long lost relatives all comes together. By Saturday night everybody is wound up and ready to get out on the dance floor and whoop it up. Either to a modern day DJ or sometimes some ole style country music. Heck I've even seen em all doing the Chicken Dance. Sunday Morning a couple of the boys have gotten together to do a great Pancake breakfast with everything that goes along with it. By mid-morning an odd collection of homemade items starts to fill a few tables for the big auction that helps raise funds for the next year's activities. Uncle Bill might be strolling around at this time to try and raffle off tickets for half the kitty of what is collected and the other half for the donations. Cousin Darren is out marking the pen where the cow is going to be put. Now this is a real interesting little game never to see the likes in Las Vegas. The pen where the cow will be put is marked off in squares and the people buying tickets can bet on a square. The lucky winner is the one that lands the first Pie. That is Cow Pie! Where ever the cow poops and it lands on the nearest square. The winner gets half the winnings and the other half to the reunion.

Over the years many a different attempt has been tried to bring in funds for the reunion. The auction of course is always the best. Hand painted crafts by Uncle Jess, or hand carved folk figures made by Uncle John. Crochet doilies, Quilts and paintings quite an interesting find of family heirlooms. Some personalized some not. Sometimes a treasure, sometimes a treasure chest. Uncle Adam has made beautiful hand crafted chests every year. Now, they are raffled off as they are so popular. Whatever the Item whatever the price, it's all done in love.

Now by the time 1:00 rolls around the family will be gathering to have a blessing on the food and it's time to eat. Afterwards the Auction begins, followed by an election of officers for the next year's reunion. A large family gathering for pictures and last but not least the Egg Toss. Partner's pair up facing each other, toss an egg to the other partner, back up and continues until a winning couple is left. Sometimes there is hardly room between the trees and the pavilion to back up any further.



By now the watermelon eating is over. The cleanup is done the tearful goodbyes are drying and the campers and cars slowly exit the park until next year's Hoskins family Reunion.

Now reunions like this are a lot of fun. Memories of them are the type that last through generations. I would imagine that these family get-togethers were part of the engineering that helped make me who I am. After my term in the USMC and moving around a bit with work I settled down in the little town of St. George, Utah. I discovered the Mormon faith and found they weren't exactly what Hollywood had portrayed them to be. Growing up in Illinois I kind of expected them to be a bit like the Amish. But to my surprise the Mormons, I found out, were very family oriented, God Loving, Spiritual people. I guess that's where my life turned around the most. I can remember times in the Marines walking in big cities surrounded by crowds of people and I'd never felt so alone. But here in Southern Utah where I have settled since the early 1980's. I've come to discover the true meanings to life. Love of God and Love of Family.

About 20 years ago a friend introduced me to the Salt Lake genealogical library. I was overwhelmed with the amount of books history and the overall spirit that dwelled there. To that point I had never really been interested in Genealogy. But now I was overcome with the desire to know those who came before me. I started out with my immediate family and through our Reunion discovered that they had kept pages of Family Group Sheets in binders. I started getting copies and entering them into the computer. I questioned my mother and my wife's grandmother for things to help bring it all together. On a trip to Illinois I was very inquisitive about family history with my relatives. I discovered a stack of old newspapers in my parent's basement. It contained 2 years of my Grandmother's column "The Hills of Hawbuck", she had written for the local paper "The Middelfork Journal". What a treasure that turned out to be as it was almost like a weekly journal of her life and those around her. The newspapers were frail but I copied them. With help from my family back in Utah we were able to get them typed up and on a web page for others to view. I found that printed out copies of this and other family history became a main attraction at the Family reunion auction. I was very attracted to finding pictures of my ancestors. A discovery from a Cousin of my mother's who had passed away led me to find some amazing chalk drawings of my Great Great Grand Parents on my mother's side. Although I wasn't able to keep them I did make some wonderful copies. I discovered the oldest daughter in family lines frequently was passed down the family bible. Within the covers of those old Family bibles was recorded even more family history. Through genealogy, I met new friends, was introduced to lost cousins I never knew had existed. I learned more than I probably would have ever learned about computers. I've learned how to get up in front of others and teach classes on doing genealogy. And mostly I have gained an amazing respect for those forefathers that prepared the way for us. My wife was beginning to get a bit jealous of my time with these activities, but I explained to her that everyone needs a hobby. So she started raising Yorkies. Sometimes when I'm surrounded at my computer by those little brown eyes staring up at me and wagging there little stub of a tail I have to remind myself it was me who told her to get a hobby.

My ancestors were hard working farmers none of them were real famous but they survived some of the greatest times in history. Their trials and tribulations were sometimes overwhelming. Some died of things that today could have been prevented with a vaccine. They overcame great odds and they are part of who I am. Today I am a Grandparent with 8 grandkids. I hope that someday they will discover their heritage as I have done. I know that when they do, they will be as proud as I am to be a part of this great nation and the history that is our very being.

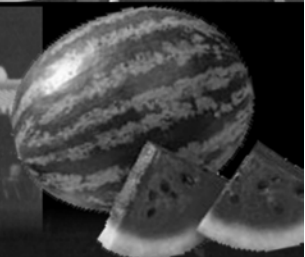
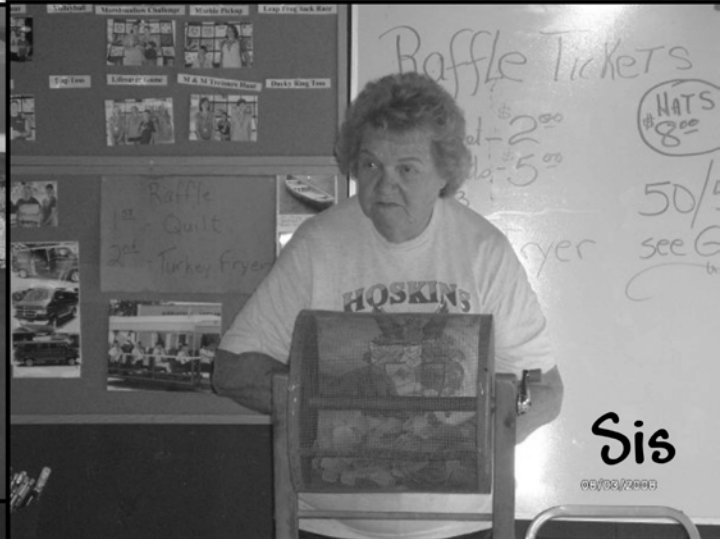
# The Hoskins Family Reunion



Above Troy Hoskins driving Tractor pulling along Cousins at The Hoskins Family Reunion abt. 1995

**The Hoskins Family Reunion in Potomac, Illinois** is held every year at the Potomac Park in Potomac, Illinois, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of August. The reunion usually lasts from the Friday before through Sunday. Themes have included, Mardi Gras, 60's Woodstock, Favorite Talk show Host or News Personality, Favorite Sports Team, Circus, Disney, Hawaiian, and More. Started in 1963 the Hoskins reunion is now having it's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2012. More Information of the origin of the reunion can be found under Eva Hoskins biography.





Harold  
Hoskins

Tod  
Hoskins

Granddad  
Harry  
Hoskins



# Rain doesn't dampen enthusiasm

Thursday, Aug. 11, 1977 The Commercial-News, Danville, Ill. 5

## during family reunion



Harold



Hoskins

THE HOSKINS family of Potomac first decided they'd hold an annual family reunion about 15 years ago. Since then a lot of Hoskins have come and gone in Potomac. But the annual family reunion has marched ahead like clockwork. Some years, it hasn't been easy.

It's a fair bet a lot of Hoskins thought Mother Nature was testing their "sense of family" this year. Last weekend found Potomac — well, soggy, to say the least. But if they did, they can rest assured they passed with flying colors.

About 50 Hoskins — out-of-staters — had already arrived Friday by the time the rains began. And by the time the family sat down to their reunion dinner Sunday, a head count showed nearly 300 Hoskins had turned out.



### And points north

By Diane Ross

"When you get that many people together on a weekend like last weekend, I'd say you have a pretty good sense of family," quipped Mrs. Robert Leahy Spain of Potomac. (Mrs. Spain's late mother-in-law, Dorcas Spain, was a Hoskins.)

THE HOSKINS, by the way, are descendants of Truman and Prudy Hoskins, turn-of-the-century Potomac residents. Three of their children — two sons, Harry of Pence, Ind., and Fred of Perrysville, Ind., and a daughter, Hulda Garman of Niles, Mich., are the patriarchs

and matriarchs of the family now. All three were present for the reunion again this year.

When the Hoskins have a family reunion, they go all out. This year they billed Saturday as "Blue Hawaiian Night." Staging the show were a number of Hoskins (all from Comstock Park, Mich.) who can also claim Hawaiian descent. Three junior members, Tisha Svedas, Jayne Roscheon and Shawn Anderson, starred as hula dancers. Sky Atwood sang. Bernice Atwood started with a simple how-to-hula demonstration and finished giving actual lessons.

That's when the fun really started, Mrs. Spain said. "We had men, women, even boys trying to learn the hula." Even Mrs. Garman, at 76, was game.

Battling Mother Nature somehow made it the best reunion ever. "We had a mud hole with water knee deep where some were camped," Mrs. Spain said. "We had to pull brush out. Some of the kids — well, we couldn't always tell who they were with all the mud. All their mothers did was change their clothes."

"We just had a ball." She said one visitor commented "Neither rain nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail stops

the U.S. mail." "Well, it didn't stop the Hoskins, either," Mrs. Spain quipped. "This is one family that really sticks together."



Laverne

Julia



## What They're Doing

The 17th annual Hoskins Reunion took place at the Potomac Park in Potomac, Ill.

About 200 attended. Prizes were given to the oldest present, Hilda Hoskins Spain Jarmon of Niles, Mich.; the youngest, Kerra M. Thoman of Georgetown, Ill.; newest married, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Humphrey of Williamsport, Ind.; longest married, Mr. and Mrs. George Quick of Niles; coming the farthest, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cundiff of Bowling Green, Ky.; and largest family present, Harry W. Hoskins of Pence, Ind.

New officers were elected. President is

Harold Hoskins of Potomac; vice president, Joyce Hoskins Humphrey; and secretary-treasurer, Fred Hoskins of Marshfield, Ind.

1979

Jim Cindy Kim Gale

## Annual Reunion Planned a Park

POTOMAC—The Hoskins annual reunion will be Aug. 3 and 4 at the town park.

Dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, a meeting will begin at 11 a.m. for the election of officers. There will be a basket dinner at noon.

Prizes will be given to the oldest, youngest, the one coming the greatest distance and the biggest family present. There will be entertainment for all.

For additional information, persons should call President Bill Hoskins, 317-893-4442 in Williamsport, Ind., vice president, Wilbur Hoskins, Potomac; or secretary, Marjorie Spain, 217-442-0712.

All descendants of George, Will, Eli and Azariah Hoskins are invited.

### HOSKINS REUNION

The 30th annual Hoskins Reunion at Potomac Park in Potomac, Ill. will be held July 31, Aug. 1 & 2nd. Mardi Gras will be Sat. (wear crazy costume); music by Key Electronics of Danville. Games all day Saturday. Remember to bring your auction items and picnic food for Sunday. (Meats and beverage furnished.)



Sis



Wendy



## Reunion 1978

Another year has come and gone. We've met a few new relatives and missed some that usually come. The '78 officers were: president, Eva Hoskins Flack of Pence, Ind.; v-pres., Truman 'Buck' Spain of Potomac; sec-tr., Mrs. Fred 'Jerry' Hoskins of R., Perrysville, Ind.; and historian, Libby Parks of Danville.

Over 160 attended Saturday night's entertainment: we had a Man's Beauty contest and Talent contest. Trophies and ribbons were awarded. 1st in beauty, Harry W. Hoskins, Pence, 2nd, Tod Hoskins, Alvin, 3rd, Harold E. Hoskins, Potomac, 4th David Carter, Potomac, 5th, to Don Eastway, Sparta, Mich. Talent, Sky Atwood, 1st, for dance to a Hawaiian song, Sky's grandmother, Berniece Atwood, is Hawaiian and her grandfather is of Hoskins clan, 2nd, Brandy Hoskins, Alvin, 3rd, Lynanne Flack and cousin Kim Hoskins, Pence. Then all joined in on a wiener roast, dancing and card playing into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

Sunday brought nearly 300 to potluck dinner, auction and raffles. We sold tickets on a drill, \$14 school package and a unique quilt. Each family's name was embroidered on a 6" square, we sewed them together as they brought them to the park. It turned out to be a beautiful quilt. Mrs. Ellis (Martha Spain) Bryant of Niles, Mich. area won it. Dwayne Hoskins of Potomac won the school package and Lester Hoskins Sr. won the drill, which he donated to auction off. Our auction consisted of home-made items only. This year was the best yet. New officers for the coming year are: pres., Richard Hoskins, Potomac, v-pres., Geo. Quick, Niles, sec-treas., Phyllis Hoskins, Potomac, historian, Marilyn Sue Pettice, Higginsville.

After election we had suggestions as what to do with some of our auction and raffle money, all agreed to donate \$100 to Potomac Park Fund to help put a new roof on the pavilion. Hoskins Bros. Construction & Plbg. of Alvin agreed to match the amount donated. We are proud of our clan and Potomac, so maybe the Potomac community organizations and clubs will join in and match our donations?—Mrs. Lee (Eva) Flack, Pence, Ind.



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CONCERNING THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

ADVERTISING AND THE ART OF THE SALE

# Family reunion attracts hundreds

**By Tracy Moss**  
Staff Writer

DANVILLE — When Harold Hoskins was a kid, he didn't look forward to family reunions at Douglas Park.

"The kids hated going to reunions," he said. "We'd sit around waiting for dinner and hope mom and dad were ready to go when we were done eating."

His mother, Eva Hoskins, must have seen the boredom on her kids' faces in those days.

When Eva, her sister-in-law and cousin organized the first Hoskins reunion in 1963, they centered the theme around the kids.

"If you make the kids happy, they'll bring their parents back the next year," said Harold, restating his mother's idea. "And it's worked."

It's worked every year since 1963, attracting anywhere from 300 to 500 Hoskins relatives to a park in Potomac. One year they had 800 people.

This year, about 200 relatives had already staked out a

camping site at the park by Saturday morning.

Some were in tents, others in recreational vehicles. Some had been there since Wednesday and others were still rolling in on Saturday.

Relatives come from all over the country — Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, California and Georgia.

Anyone who's been to a Hoskins reunion knows why they make the trip.

The event officially kicks off on Friday night with a wiener roast and music provided by a disc jockey.

Saturday morning everyone emerges from their tents and RVs for a day full of games for children and adults.

They have baseball tosses, sack races, golf-chipping contests, euchre tournaments and more. And they have prizes and T-shirts printed for the occasion.

Saturday evening they have a chili cookoff. Howard's father was known for his chili, so several relatives now have their own versions of the recipe.

Saturday night the entire

mass of people gathers around the campfire and adults tell family stories. That's followed up with a live band.

And on Sunday, they have a potluck dinner and an auction that's open to the public.

Each family brings home-made crafts to be auctioned and the money raised is used to pay for next year's reunion.

The grand finale is the egg toss this afternoon, which, according to Howard, can get very, very nasty.

Harold's son, Dwayne, was the president of the reunion board this year.

He's known Hoskins reunions most of his life, but he does realize they're not typical.

"It's phenomenal, actually," he said. "I've had people tell me they're having a reunion and they say it's at Denny's or something and they all fit in one booth."

There have been several generations that have had 10 to 12 children.

"That's why we have so many people here," Dwayne said.

He admits he does not know

everyone at the reunion.

"I know the key players," he said with a smile. "Some of the kids grow up so fast that you can't keep up."

But they try and that's why Eva Hoskins and her two relatives started the reunion, to keep the family together.

Besides a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer to organize the reunion each year, the Hoskins have a designated historian, Marilyn Hoskins.

She is charged with keeping track of the family in the record books, recording births, deaths, marriages, picture albums and other tidbits about the family.

By Saturday evening's musical event, Dwayne was expecting about 300 to 400 relatives to be in the park.

But he insists next year will be "the big one," because it will be the year 2000, maybe even breaking their 800 mark set a few years ago.

"It's a project we enjoy — a labor of love," Harold said. "This is a weekend we forget about everything and enjoy."



Beverly



## Hoskins reunion attracts 350

The descendants of Truman and Carrie Brown Hoskins held their 32nd annual reunion at the Potomac West Park Aug. 5-7, with about 350 from seven states attending, and with the park filled with motor homes, tents, music, and games.

This year, two Navy military members attended: Bob Spain and his wife, and Andy Hoskins.

Theme for the reunion for 1994 was "Disney World," with first prize going to the nephews of Donald Duck, Huey, Dewey, and Louie, played by Lianne Hoskins of Pence, Ind., and Eva Adams and her friend Veronica

from California. A Michigan family got second dressed as 101 Dalmatians, with John and Catherine Hoskins third with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Youngest attending was Bailey Shumate; oldest was Gerry Hoskins; largest family to Richard and Ann Van Leer; oldest bachelor was Walter Flack; oldest bachelorette was Louanne Wright; newest married couple was Tim and Peggy Hoskins; longest distance was Eva Adams of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In the auction for items made personally by family members, goods included a wood carving

by John Hoskins, a hall bench by Marilyn and Steve Pettis, a table by Adam Hoskins, and an embroidered tablecloth by Alice Miller. Also sold were yard ornaments, grapevine wreaths, and bird houses. Over \$1,400 was raised, with proceeds for meat, drinks, and prizes for the 1995 reunion, with a donation also to the park fund.

Dr. Dwayne Hoskins made name tags on his computer for each family member, with spouse's name and parents' names also included.

Area news



# Reunion officers finds ways to hold clan together

IT'S THAT TIME again? You say you just don't think you can get the family together again for another reunion?

You aren't sure you can talk your Indiana cousins into crossing the state line for an afternoon much less persuade your New York-to-California aunts and uncles to cross the country for a weekend?

Stop by Hoskins Brothers Construction in Alvin and talk to Eva Flauk. Eva's a Potomac native now residing in Pence, Ind. And she's a Hoskins.

The Hoskins clan will hold its 15th annual reunion Saturday and Sunday at West Side Park in Potomac. They're expecting no less than 500 for the weekend camp-out this year.

Officers elected each year get together a few months ahead of time to really plan the reunion, from the meals and recreation, right through to bang-up entertainment and a money-making auction.

Officers came up with the idea as



## And points north

By Diane Ross

a way to raise money from one year to the next without having to pass the hat.

No doubt the founders would be delighted this family is still going strong. Truman "Prunnie" Hoskins, a Minnesota native, and Carrie

Brown, an Indiana native, began farming in the Potomac area about the turn of the century.

Of their 15 children, five who reached adulthood are now the patriarchs and matriarchs of the clan. They are Hulda Jarmon of Niles, Mich., Harry Hoskins of Pence, Ind., Fred Hoskins of Perrysville, Ind., Alberta Porter of Danville and Jesse Hoskins of Hoopeson.



Back Row: John, Harry, Richard, Gordon, Eva  
Front: Adam, Albert, Lester, Harold Esther



Euchre





1968 Left to Right Standing: Sis, Bill, Dick, Pete, John  
Front Harold, Lester, Dad Harry W., Albert, Adam  
Penny in left front.



Harry, Hulda, Fred, Alberta

1969



Harry Hulda Fred Alberta Louise  
Julia - Sue - Carrie



1975

John, Kathryn, Jim, Jerry & Steve Hoskins



Ron Humphreys and Joyce 1985



Fred, Hulda, Alberta, & Harry W. Hoskins





## Memories from the Hills of Hawbuck

In the 50's Grandmother Eva Hoskins wrote for the local paper "The Middlefork Journal". Her articles were titled "The Hills of Hawbuck" in which she talked often about what was happening in her neck of the woods. The following pages are a few of those articles as well as some writings from her journal, along with pictures of her and her family.

The section that follows this one is entitled Harold's Ramblings, which are some thoughts and memories from Harold Hoskins.



*The Ole "Silver Bell" in Hawbuck Penny on the porch, Lester in the door.*

## The Hills of Hawbuck

By Eva Hoskins

May 18, 1951

What a busy weekend? The rain put a stop to everyone's farm work everyone knows that. But it gave us time to do a few odd jobs around. In overhauling an accumulation of old papers and letters I learned a number of interesting things of yesteryear.

The following is an excerpt from a letter dated February 14, 1892 to my grandmother:

"Pa was here and stayed one night this winter. More than a year ago he was taken with a severe pain in his head, had an oculist from Columbia (Ohio) see him' it was caused from his eyes, and for him to wear a mustache. So he has worn one since and his eyesight is better.

The famous Dewey mustache club might have had something at that. If there's anything to it- it might profit Harry Truman to sprout one. Someone in his country needs to be able to see their way.

Warm day bring out a pleasant little country habit into daily use- the meeting of neighbors where mailboxes are grouped together just after the mailman passes by.

We were pleasantly surprised just at breakfast time Sunday morning out here, by the unexpected arrival of Harry's niece and family, Hattie, Quick, husband George, and son Vicky, of Niles, Michigan.

They had spent the night with Wilbur and June Spain, and dropped by to see "Unk" and family, leaving here to go to Oakwood to see her sister Francis Dukes. They planned to return to Niles in the afternoon.

Alberta and Leslie Sidwell and two boys with Truman Hoskins were out for Sunday dinner. Sid, as he is better known, is off work again. His left arm having infection set in, he had x-rays taken Monday.



*Hawbuck abt 1951*

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Danville spent the evening last Wednesday with John and Kathryn Hoskins. Bob and Evelyn Layton were also callers there one evening this week.

Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. "Boss" Dodsden were shoppers at the Grab-It-Here about the same time Saturday morning.

Charles Shanks who operated the Saturday night auction sales that some folks in this locality like to attend died unexpectedly at his home in Danville, Saturday morning. He was a brother to Mr. Shanks of our neighborhood.

Mrs. Marilyn Blase and her uncle Ralph Sadler of Ogden were in Potomac on Friday.

That lovely corsage that Bill kept in the icebox last Friday sure melted the ice! The trouble was - too many "inspectors"- we couldn't keep the icebox door closed. One consolation: allowing them to LOOK at it, if they'd Keep HANDS OFF, worked out pretty well.



Saturday we were visited by two boys who work with Harry, enjoying themselves out in the country.

Sunday two boys came for the day, and stayed overnight, returning to work with Harry on Monday.

Highlights of both days visits were their riding the two horses. Once when the dogs ran a rabbit in front of them, one horse stopped, but the rider didn't. Second event occurred when another boy unseated into one of the many thickets out here. However they seemed to like it. I know we did.

Any way they're all young fellows a long way from home and friends, just like your boy and mine.

### **Jun 1st 1951**

Well another school year closed. No more up at 6, wash, dress, eat and run for three months. No more "Mom- where's my work book?" "Mom"-where's my other shoe? Where's my crayons?" "He's got my tablet"- "where's-where's-what?" "No more hot lunch money for three months six kids-\$7. A week whools! I'll feed 'em green onions and radishes, eggs and milk and let 'em fish. Ha! Ha!

Ma Gruel, Aunt Louise and Aunt Vada- nice people, you betcha. And who are they? Well did you ever eat a meal at the grade school? Most parents have, and a lot of others. Everyone that has will probably call them a square meal, full and overflowing round.

And anyone knows that a hungry kid's eyes are bigger than his anterior region, and that when mealtime rolls around, a single portion never fills up those hungry regions, like being able to ask for more. No average, normal family hereabouts, to my knowledge ever puts just ONE helping before their own child and says "No More", not in this land of PLENTY, not unless there isn't a way to provide "No More." Provided by our



*Marilyn Sue, Penny and Jerry down in the Hawbuck Hills.*

taxes and the daily fee charged for each child, in a sufficient amount to cover the cost. Who is going to say "NO" to the hungry child here in America? (*Original Print read Who is going to say "Say" to the hungry child in America?*) (*Possible papers error.*)

Who can pack their child a durable lunch for this cost? Some can, but many more cannot. The contrast is all in favor of the school hot lunch. The cost the trouble the "hot" meal, the collective eating, all contribute in favor of it.

Then it's eaten in a "homey" atmosphere, where the kids are loved, bossed, kidded or corrected accordingly, all pretty well "mother" by these three "Girls", and then medical science plainly advocates that a cheerful atmosphere is half the meal, makes digestion better, and the food can be properly assimilated, and all that. It's no wonder that the kid's think the cooks are the berries.

In most homes today, even the modern up to date house with all its fine advantages, the little prayer at meal time is often

missing. In many homes, the first time Grace has been said at the table is often by the request of, and given by some youngster who first heard it at his "Hot Lunch Meal". I know it was so with us.

In a Christian nation, proud of its heritage this is a shabby shame.

I wonder how many of us actually realize the efforts these three women put into this job. They put in the same hours almost that the teachers do, and handle all the kids too, for part of the day. So, like the teachers they most do their home chores besides, and on their days off do their washing, shopping, and cleaning also.

Their days, therefore of necessity, are a rushed affair.

Their sponsors all realize this I'm sure, and many outsiders; and still there's someone who is always standing around to discredit them. It burns me up. Whose gotta "gripe" about it? Let's give credit where credit is due.

Friday was shopping day in Potomac for me, and it seemed like everyone I met was in an uproarious mood. The funny bug must have bitten most folks, with all the kidding and jokes on each other, all in fun. The printer was about the gloomiest guy I met, trying to rush his paper and job and work both, but he had time for a friendly grin. Another hard working bunch (or pair) of people.

Did you ever -- well pshaw! Everyone does, have one of those work goes haywire. Wednesday was such a day. Harry had set his head to finish planting the corn that day, and the boys, Pete and John got off late to work. I had the earache, the kids were contrary, I didn't get the washing done till 3 p.m. The planter broke, and Bill found our yearling red heifer deader than a doornail-- how dead can a doornail be?

It looked for awhile like the corn planting was stalled. Finally with some combined efforts, a little ingenuity, and that good old

Ervin Rowe (Sis' old BoyFriend)



Harry W. Hoskins, Penny & Eva May Hoskins

intestinal fortitude that gets a guy out of a tight spot, the last hill was clicked in by supper time. Which seemed to make the evening sun go down smiling after all.

"Maw and Paw Kettle" our are new nicknames tacked on us by the soldiers over at the fire station; complimentary evidently? And befitting because of the hills, the woods, the shack, and all these kids, our variegated livestock, and the informality we extend them on their visits here.

So--Maw and Paw Kettle were Danville shoppers on Saturday. We also attended an auction sale, till we were "hailed out"--and Bill had to ride in the back seat of that Crosley we acquired of Sid's amid pots and pans, some dishes, a tub, the groceries, a hundred pound sack of potatoes, and various other purchases acquired. In that Crosley? And me, besides? Sure thing you know. I made it. Harry still had elbow room to drive. We've dubbed it Bumble Bee, Honey Bug and Buzz Wagon. Any more suggestions? I see where a yank gets a letter 36 feet long written on shelf paper by a neighbor of his. One day last winter Eva and I cut off the width of an envelope an a strip of shelf paper about 8 feet long, everyone took a part in writing it, we filled it, folded it accordion style and dispatched



it to son Richard. He and his buddies got quite a kick out of it.

Today I received a letter in which he said. "You can start addressing my mail to Sgt. Hoskins from now on, instead of Corporal." OK Sgt. Hoskins it is, then. Sergeant, get me a pail of water!

Dick's address is: Sgt. R.L. Hoskins, VMF-115-MAG 11, Cherry Point, N.C.

In the order of family events comes those nights when the married son and daughter-in-law turn up to donate their infant offspring to "Grandma" for the evening. For compensation they take along a pair of the other kids.

Even so, it makes life worth living until, when the resulting days are a modicum portion of the evening's wild and wooly westerns. Sometimes I wonder! Indians under the beds, or scalping on another on top (why make the beds up?). Cowboys stalking the kitchen, paper arrows in the gravy I'm stirring, and cane spears are apt to be sticking thru some article of clothing that made an excellent target on the clothesline, full blown by the wind. Indeed life in the backwoods has its advantages, at that: plenty of room for self expression.

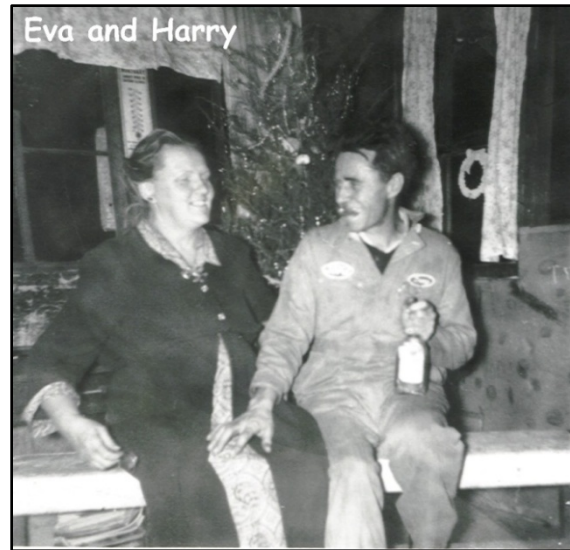
Talking about your big meals, you all should have been around here last Thursday night. With 17 in all, we enjoyed one of hubb's "chili suppers" we celebrate with on occasions. He came home in the evening, having only a 12-hour shift to work, and Bob Bergner, Jim Foreman and Don Clark of Chanute Field came along. Everyone was hungry, so we dispatched Bob and Pete down to the market.

(To be Continued)

## June 8, 1951

(Continued from June 1 Issue)

They took the Buzz Buggy for the "makin's". The rest of us "coffeed up" until



their return, then we all jumped in opening cans, adding more wood to the cook stove, making more coffee, chopping onions (and wiping eyes), setting out bowls and spoons, while Harry combined the "chili" on the old wood burner. Mixed with the conversation were numerous "tastings" to see if it suited and everyone tasted and argued, more spice was added, stirred and sampled again, and then finally he assembled the stew in the new milk pail, the only available container large enough to hold it, and deposited same in the center of the table.

Everyone but the small fry ladled out their own; the kids were detailed to second table in the front room.

Well, by this time it was about 9:30 and we ate, and we talked, we ate some more and compared "home states" and visited until someone noted the clock hitting one stroke! Well, it was only 11:30. By that time, John and Kathryn and babies had long since faded from the scene, the rollaway evidently unfolded itself and was loaded to the rim with kids asleep. All at once the coffee, cigarettes and chili just couldn't seem to keep anyone awake and all of us grownups were patting the yawns and batting our eyes and the boys left--commenting, "How about doing this again sometime, Pop?"

Mr Roller's talk at the eighth Grade Graduation program was a two-fisted and timely speech.

It would be heartening if more speakers were as frank and as simple in their desires to get their facts and their illustrations over to the average listeners.

Usually it is not only over the heads of the graduate, but often over the head of a lot of the audience, as well.

One statement he expressed rather stuck in my mind. He stated that J. Edgar Hoover's theme is "loyalty" and "that without it industry, honesty (and so forth), are without meaning".

Mr. Roller added that "you must be loyal to your family, loyal to your community, and loyal to your God."

Frankly I was expecting him to say "you must be loyal to your family, loyal to your community, and loyal to your country". But no, he stated "loyal to your God" instead. After all, that covers everything, including your country.

While listening to him I was thinking that if those boys and girls could only see what the adults there can see, that Mr. Roller's illustration of free men was well exemplified by the men on that platform that night: a musician, a farmer, a lawyer, a teacher, all men whose lives were lived according to their own individual choosing.

Since they've been under his tutorage for the past several years their principal should always be to them an example of a free American. He is a young ex-service man, a family man, a businessman (teaching is a business tho called a profession), a child's man, one that listens to each and every child's self-important tale--a Christian, a leader, a man in the community who not only pushes where needed, but pulls as well. Potomac would be wise to "hang on" to such a man.

Bill and Eva were busy planting tomatoes the day of the high school picnic--and so

couldn't go. Orvy Britt followed suit two days later and got his plants out. With Kinney's and Tartar's patch maybe we can change our local name to "Tomato Road," at least for this summer. And our grade schoolers didn't picnic--mumps!

Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Henry were out the other day checking on Eva's trip to Monticello in August. We're all looking forward to that.

Then Mrs. Maxwell called to see how she was progressing on her summer project. With tomato picking, helping out all around at home, sewing and her trip, she'll be busy this summer.

Sunday's fishermen were abundant out here in spite of the rain. Some of the ones who stuck it out till evening were Mr. and Mrs. Carol Hopkins and Ed Murray of Chanute Field. They did land two small ones and at least they can say they got to fish.

We, that is, Harry and I, and the six kids from Eva on down, piled into the Buzz Buggy, Sunday afternoon and buzzed on over to Harry's brother, Fred's place, for a couple of hours. Marshfield, a community we passed through, had had some wind. Trees and big limbs had been dragged off to the side of the road and several trees were blown down around Fred's place late Saturday afternoon.

Fields were all soggy and plenty of rain and hail had accompanied the wind.

Adam certainly enjoyed himself on the eighth grade Chicago trip. Getting in about daybreak, he slept til mid-afternoon. No wonder those kids didn't turn out to practice for their graduation program.

**Jun 15, 1951**

I'd like to take this occasion to say "thank you" to all you folks who have complimented me on the "Hills of Hawbuck", and especially to the ones who have written to me. I started this for the fun of it, on a cold, old winter day. Later I took the liberty to try and break it off. After a trip or two into town, and receiving several letters "to keep it up", I decided to go ahead since it seems there are some who do enjoy it. Some probably think its silly, and no doubt a few think I'm crazy. Well sometimes I wonder!

Harry and his father and I were over to Pence, Ind. on Tuesday last spending several hours with Uncle Bill and Aunt Rilla Hoskins, their son Frank and his wife Hazel. From there we drove down to Freddie Hoskins for supper, and helped him break in a new horse to the garden plow. After all our expectations of some kind of fireworks, our hopes all fell flat. The horse just simply atook ahold like an old hand at the game.

At a sale recently I struck up a conversation with a very nice old lady, carrying a spray of Shasha daisies and Bachelor Buttons in her hand, and who was wanting to buy some flower containers. She offered me some flowers if I'd go over to her home. We both began to cast around to find a mutual acquaintance, and it developed that our local restaurateur and wife, Hobe and Louise, had been neighbors of hers for years, and she was quite enthusiastic over the twins.

The same evening we stopped by to see Arlo and Cille Farrow. Of course we were curious as to the amount of damage sustained by them in a recent fire. The fire started with the wiring in the wall back of built-in kitchen cabinets and burned a sizable hole thru into an enclosed porch. Occurring during the evening, it was promptly squelched by neighborly help. Mr.

and Mrs. Bernard Doyle, Rantoul, came over Friday to see their place, and to compare notes for awhile.

In Danville Friday, we met up with Mrs. Enid Sylvester of Alvin. We had a long chat with her and were glad to hear that Roy is fast recovering from that severe heart attack he suffered earlier this spring. Miss Enid (to our kids) will be attending a teacher's summer course at Terre Haute, Ind.

"News from the Old Home Town" sort of struck a spark or two. We liked the Williams' store at New Smyrna, Fla. and we've never quite realized before how the Gladioli market was supplied with those lovely flowers.



*Kathryn Hoskins with Baby  
John Steven Hoskins*

June 9 will be quite an occasion in our family hereafter. Saturday was the natal day of Harry Harvey Hoskins (Pete to everyone), being his 21st birthday. The birthday dinner was postponed until Sunday, due to the arrival of John Stephen Hoskins, six pound, seven ounce son of John and Kathryn Rogers Hoskins, at Lake View Hospital, Danville. He's Pete's nephew and quite a birthday present!

I've lived out here in Hawbuck for a number of years and have heard the rest of the family talk about the cliffs of Middlefork. Well Sunday, Harry took me over to see them. Talk about the Shades of Turkey Run if you want to but at the end of a 15-minute drive from Potomac you will find some scenery right in our own back yard that will equal a lot you see over there.

Pete and Bill decided recently that they wanted a cabin all their own. So the other day they borrowed my wash house, put in a new floor with the help of two boys from Chanute Field, furnished it by borrowing bed springs, chairs, and a dresser and bedding of Mom, and moved in. If this keeps up the Hoskins family will have quite a settlement down among these here hills.

Jesse Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Emerson were out our way one day this week.

### **June 22, 1951**

According to Gary Dean Farnsworth's bicycle speedometer, it is five and one half miles from their driveway to Uncle Junior's; by way of Hawbuck.

Gary, very patiently followed by his mother in the car (with sufficient baseball equipment and baggage) came to pay Cousin Tommy a visit, June 14th.

After the dinner dishes were done, Aunt Grace consented to take Gary and a neighbor boy, on a tour through the woods in the back of the house. The main destination was the river as this was Aunt Jane's first trek through this area; she was looking forward to it also.

Sorry to say, Aunt Jane was reared more on the city style and less on the ways of the wilds. After tramping a considerable distance, a roof loomed in between the branches. Maybe that's where the Hoskins live, they queried? At last, the river they thought. As more evidence presented itself,

they discovered they had somehow made a vast circle and had arrived safely, but not back home. Not to the pleasure of Gary, however.

After several puzzled looks and a slight jawing, they made the trip to the Hoskins' and the river, by the way of the road.

Jane entertained her family, in the nature of a basket dinner, June 17th, in observance of her father's birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, of Bismarck, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and son, Jim, of Danville, also Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brown of Bismarck.

We didn't kill Pop's prize rooster for Father's Day dinner, but we did have chicken and noodles. It developed that Junior and Jane also had chicken and noodles, along with possibly several other Hawbuckers". The current beef problem makes it tough on the chickens; a lot of them are losing their heads. Well, flowers to Mom on Mother's Day, but feed Pop on Father's Day.

Along after dinner Farnsworths and their company came over to find the best route to the creek and to fish. Another carload or two also strung out along the old river bank, and the family down on the corner came by to go swimming back of John's cabin. Our kids joined them for an hour's fun.

Ardith Poynter of Hillary drove up for an hour's visit, too. It seems that she is getting more letters from Sgt. Hoskins than "Mom" is. Well, leave it to the Marines.

Later on in the afternoon Charles and Francis Dukes of Oakwood with their two youngsters, Diane and Ronny and Sister Julia Spain arrived on the scene. The three boys and Julia live at Niles, Mich. and are down "home" on a couple weeks visit with Francis and other Relatives.

The most surprising (or Pleasant) part of the day was that Sid didn't come out with his usual supply of firecrackers. Will I be glad

when he runs out of those blamed things. Bang! Bang! Bang.

Mr. Kessinger was out Friday and checked on Bill's efforts in F.F.A. Well he met all the new live stock and the four new pups. We have noted a laughable (to us) incident concerning these pups. It has developed that the dog auntie of them is trying to mother them, and the dog mother has to hunt them up and return them to their box in the tool shed. The pups seem to enjoy being drug around, but the mother evidently grew disgusted yesterday and soundly thrashed the 'dog-napper'. Undoubtedly, like a kid-napping among us humans, it's time to call a halt.

Mr. Bryant's efforts to catch Harry and I at home were wasted again last week. We were in Danville, when he came out and brought the family along for the ride. However I believe from the evenings report that they were well entertained.

Now that Kathryn has returned home with "Junior" well, it is sort of surprising how big little Jerry has grown. Along side the new baby's tiny littleness, he is a chunk. Steven's red hair is still in doubt. Penny's measurements (by hand) of her new a nephew's size are rather variable. One time he will be too large for his age, and the next time it seems he must have shrunk a lot. What provokes her and Marilyn--they can't handle him.

But then Penny can't handle them--Monday she developed "mumps".

Sgt. and Mrs Webb and new baby were out our way the other afternoon. He and Harry work together, so recently he donated a Banty rooster to our "Noah's Ark". It seems his mother-in-law didn't like his crowing, and he spent a couple of hours in rounding up the critter then brought it over. We call it the "Sergeant". Guess now we'll have to hunt up a Banty hen or two next.

The old dinner bell rack we had, developed a case of weak knees last winter, and the big old bell was left setting around, un-ringable till this past week. The other day Harry and Adam and Albert built a bell tower on the gable end of the house and installed the newly painted bell therein. It isn't finished yet, but it serves the purpose. It saves someone the run over to Bill's shack to get him and Pete up for breakfast, and they prefer it to an alarm clock. It's sort of a novelty to most folks, as the old dinner bell is almost a thing of the past.

So if you wind up sometime at the end of the road west of Jamesburg with a little white cabin on the right hand side down under the road that's Johnny's place. The gray slate covered cabin on the left, set well back with a dinky little bell house atop--that's the Silver Bell Rancho, Ha. Ha.



*The Ole "Silver Bell" in Hawbuck  
Pencil Drawing  
done by Robert Roberts  
in Middeltown California.*

**June 29, 1951**

A letter from Dick informs us he spent last weekend at one of the lovely resorts on the Island of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The colored photo folders and cards sent along are quite picturesque, the name both intriguing and descriptive, one especially, called Morning Star Beach. While the native population is comprised of Spanish and Negro folks, the only white people were the hotel personnel and a few guests this being out of season for the tourist trade.

Alberta and Sid, better known as the Sidwell's and sons, spent Sunday with her brother, Fred Hoskins and family near Marshfield, Ind. Young Freddie and Joyce Hoskins came home with them for a weeks visit. Monday morning Freddie with Sonny and Bobby Sidwell came out here with Eva and I on our return from a trip into Potomac for groceries. While I was in town I returned a book from the library and thereby got a chance to visit with Mrs. Anderson for short half hour.

Saturday's trip to town was highlighted by a chat with Sis Reynolds and later Eva took me down to Nellie Burkhardt's to see Wauneta Nell Cunningham. Wauneta Nell has just recovered from the mumps while her father Jim Cunningham is still ill with them. By the way Nellie Burkhardt's poem "My Garden Good or Bad" along with Alta Hoth's "let there be light" were both good and enjoyable and humorous; and talent like that is where you find it.

Well Bill is in seventh heaven. He's achieved the goal of all teenagers; "A car of my Own". Saturday he made the down payment and drove himself home from work in a green Chevy coupe. Being a '38 model it isn't exactly up to date, but anyway, it eliminates the need to borrow one of his brother's cars, or to line out his date according to someone else's plans.

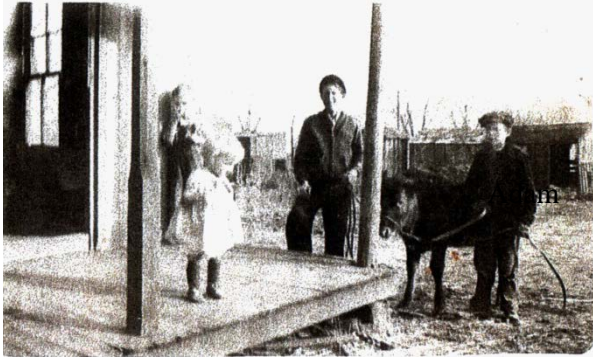


*Above Leslie Sidwell, Marilyn Sue Hoskins  
and Adam Hoskins*

Charles Rogers of Oakwood with a neighbor boy of the Rogers "motor-scooted" up this way Sunday to see his Sister, Kathryn Hoskins. They ran out of gas and had to hike the last mile here. So Pop (or Harry) and John took them back over, filled their tank and headed them for home. No casualty report came in; evidently the kids made it O.K.

Francis Dukes, also of Oakwood with her two girls, her three brothers, and little sister were back again the Sunday. Fran's and my plans were to keep the four youngsters overnight and possibly for a day or so. Well, after some argument and coaxing the deal fell thru; they elected to go back home with "Sis". They promised to come back later however. Little Julia about six, said "I'd 'tay if Jerry do" Jerry, 15 is the leader, so she didn't 'tay.





*Above Adam, Sis, John,  
Rosy the Calf and Pete.*

The Hopkins from over Chanute Field way, were over Sunday for some fishing. Of course Albert knows where all the fattest worms hide out, so Hoppy as he is known on the crash crew, had plenty of bait.

All the little Hoskins are official garden weeders again this year. And again for the third year running, thought the new carrots were weeds, now the row sports transplanted cabbage instead. Carrots seem to be the one garden casualty each time. Oh well! We all like cabbage the best, anyhow. (If the rabbits don't beat us to them.)

Agnes Osborn, who attended school in Rossville, is now home with her Dad George Osborn. Agnes is slightly undecided, but is inclined to start to Potomac High School this fall. She will be a Junior the coming year.



If Larry and Don Britt laugh at my Crosley next time I meet them on the road, I'm going to chase them up a tree. They don't know how well we got this here car trained.

Harold

Oh where and oh where  
Has "Neighbor Talk" gone?

I read my own writin'  
and wonder and yawn-  
The Ads are all perused,  
the Personals, too.

But with no competition-  
Faye Cossairt, am I blue!

I take all the blame for the missing "Neighbors Talk" Thanks to Faye's kindly nature; she informed us if, at any time, we were crowded for space, to hold hers until later as they are no dated. As much we hated to do that, the past two weeks it became necessary.

Editor.



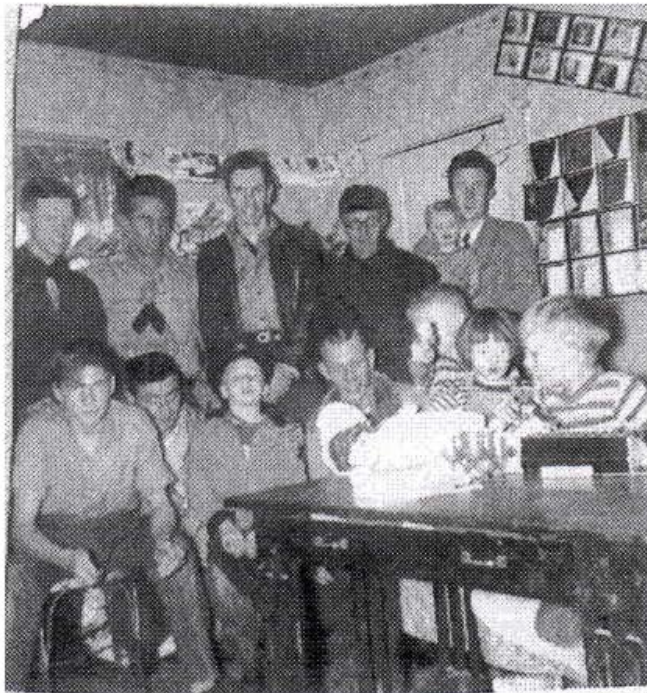


In the Back: Bill, Richard, Sis, Harry W., John, Pete,  
Front: Albert, Lester, Baby Jerry, Penny, Sue, Harold and Adam



**John & Sis**  
**17 May 1946**

Dick, Harry W., Alden May, Truman, Jerry, and John

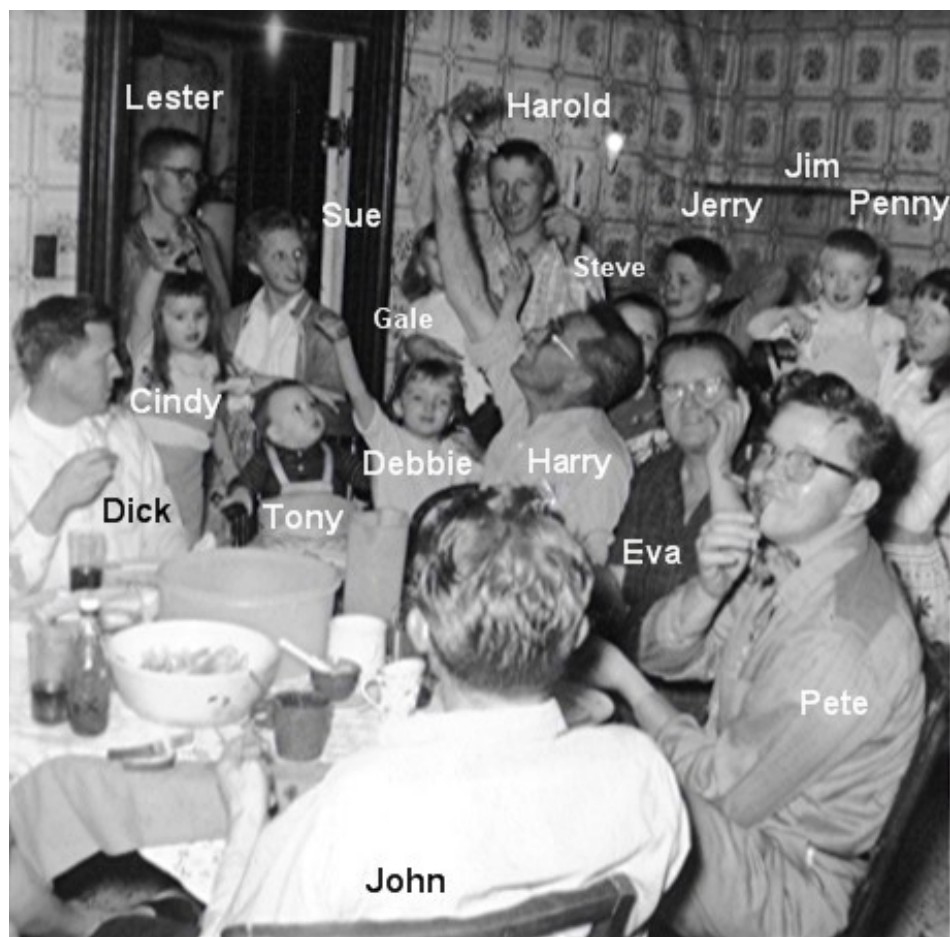


Adam, Erin D., Albert, Gordon (Bill), Harold, Penny, & Lester

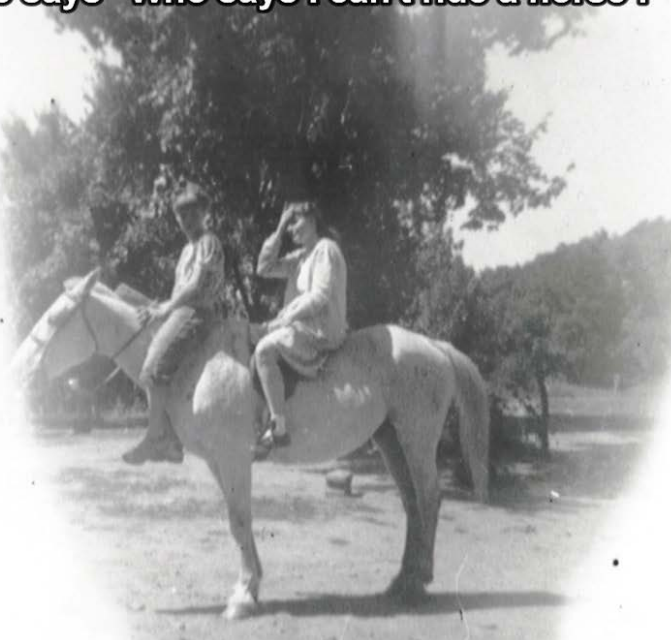


Harry & Eva





**Sis Hoskins Flack & Kathryn Rogers Hoskins on Horse.  
On her way to get a job ! KH  
She says "Who says I can't ride a horse !"**

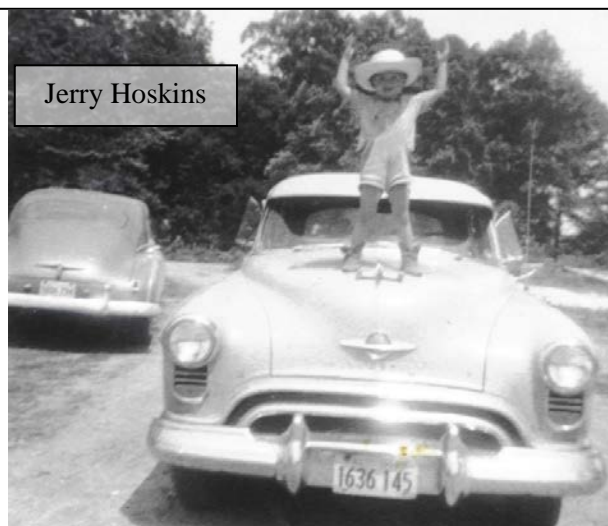




Left to right in Back: Eva W. (Sis), Gordon (Bill), Richard (Dick), Harry H. (Pete), Esther (Penny), John  
Front: Adam, Albert, Lester, Harold



John May, Eva Hoskins  
Harry Walter Hoskins, Harold & Lester



Jerry Hoskins



1950 Anniversary Reunion

Carrie Brown Hoskins





Truman Hoskins and little Boy is  
Jerry Hoskins

Harry H. Hoskins Eva and Harry W. Harry H. Hoskins (Pete's) Graduation



Believed to be Harry W. Hoskins  
Little boy is John T. Hoskins



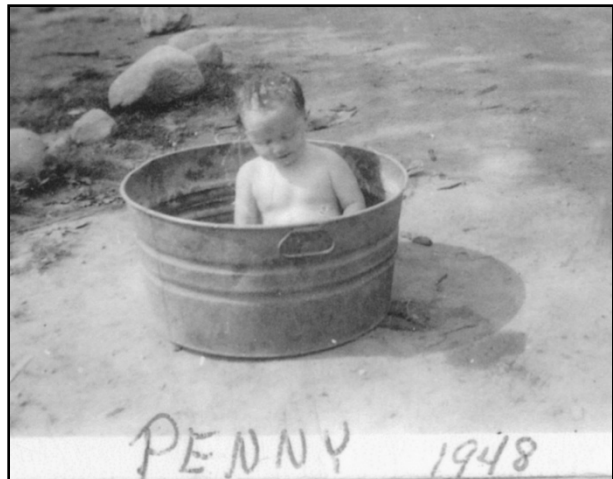


Going Berry Pickin  
July 1948  
Sis, Adam, Abe,  
Lester, Harold and  
Penny



**From Eva's Diary:**

January 3, 1951--Cold



Just finished breakfast- Sid came out. Grandma died about 6 A.M. H. and I to town. Sis stayed home kept Pinky. Dad was given job of managing all the final arrangements. He went to Danville took Jess and Sid. He and I up to Rick's about 5 P.M. Got the low down on cost- etc. Hud so tired and sore gave her alcohol rub and made her sleep. Folks out front room so granddad and her could sleep. Harry slept in big chair I in rocker.

February 14, 1951- 20\*-up to 28\*

Ground froze and sleety snow on. Pretty slick- Sun out P.M. and made the top nice and slick. Pop took dogs into Potomac to show them to the fellows up there. Order for coal. He went down and back- took coal in one ton Swisher's right after dinner. He brot me home a Big Red Valentine (Box of Candy). I kept John's kids-John-Kay and Pete to Show. Sis and

Bill to Bette Duncans to party. Mailed uniform to Dick and Pete rec'd letter (and \$20) from Dick.

March 3, 1951— Rather raw wind—cloudy

Pop and boys off to Danville to get Pete's Olds overhauled. Got parts and worked on car in P.M. in Backman and Jones building. Sid and Alberta out about 2- for us to go to auction sale in evening. Left about five- missed Harry by 15-20 minutes. Kay at Oakwood today. Pete and Bill took Pop and I down to sale and went on. We came home with Sid. Mary Bailey's there. Fern and Jess. Pop bot 4 chairs and 1 more chair 2 dressers. Sid bot dressing table and odds and ends. We brot chairs home in Sid's car. Went to Coney Island for "dogs and coffee." Home after midnight—Bill eating a bite when we got in—cold.

March 4, 1951-- Sunny—thawed out—muddy.

After breakfast Pop and Bill took truck and went after dressers we bot at auction sale last nite. One dresser has locks on it. Bill took Alberta's dresser up to them, fixed shoe. Pete and John went to Danville and fixed Olds up—took all day. Dad took more cold- glass in truck down and won't work. Doctored him up- put him to bed early. Pete home hungry. Had can beer- leaned against cook-stove top-result- 1 pt. syrup- 1 pt. bacon grease- 1 skillet fried potatoes- 1 cigar-matches, pot and pan lids and the dinner bell scrambled in the floor. To which was added soot from the stove pipe. Pop asked Pete if 1 can of beer had that much effect on him. Poor Pete- (poor mom- cleaned it up).

August 23, 1951 — Cool and sunny. OLD SETTLERS

About 1 A.M. I remembered I'd not ironed Pop's shirt and pants – so – I couldn't sleep – I just up and ironed 'em. Pop woke up and made fun of me. After he went back to sleep, I laid awake till the clock struck four. 5:30 he tried getting up without waking me. Got him and a basket of tomatoes off and Bill and Pete. Adam and John started tractor for wash water and left for work. Cows out in corn – darn. I shot red hen for supper (my first time too- first shot). Kids went for potatoes and fixed fence. Pop home about 4 - too late to go up to Old Settlers. Jim and Rowe and Clark here – we all went out to free show at Park. Mary Ellis had cold hands. Jim tried to warm 'em up. Sat. nite soldier hanging around.

September 19, 1951— Sunny and warm

Mist in the valley, sunrise painted the clouds all rosy and red. Just as Pop was leaving, and old man moon still overhead.

Kids got wash water before bus time, Sis dumped clothes down stairs, I put washer outside. Wrote "Hills of Hawbuck", mailed it, and John and Kay came. LETTER FROM DICK– 9cents + 3cents due. Postmarked Sept. 12 (7days) 16 pages long. Met Clarence Tate Armstrong– Harvey Bogard. Jamesburg- 2 LaFayette boys.

(John found 2 pups in his car when he got as far as Page's going to work. Kay found one in the icebox. Jerry disappeared and Sue showed Kay that he was asleep in the hog house John uses for dog house.)





Lester, Harold & Cooney.  
1946



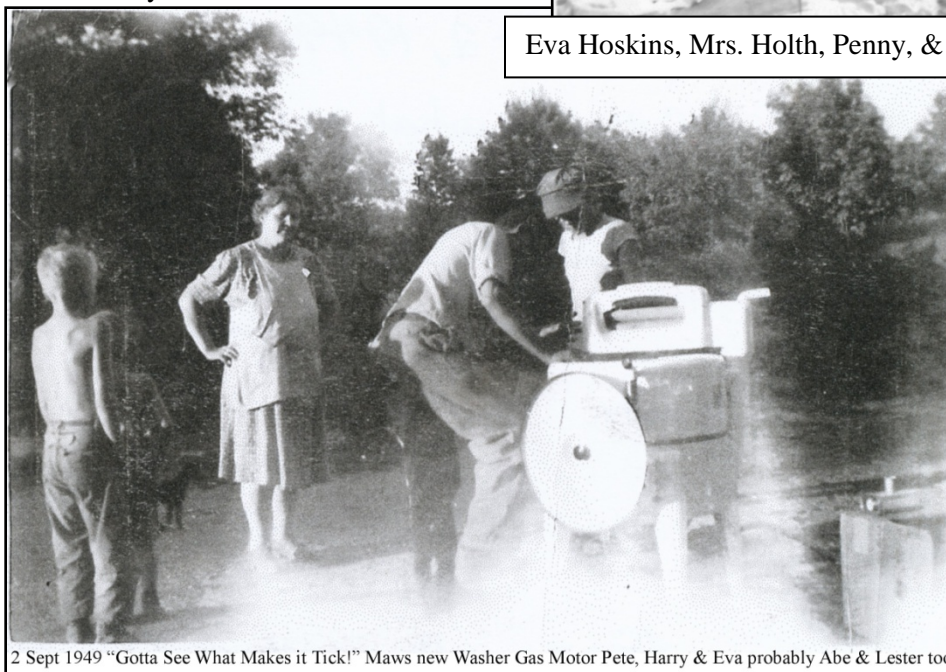
Penny



Harold



Eva Hoskins, Mrs. Holth, Penny, & Jerry Holth 7/13/1947



2 Sept 1949 "Gotta See What Makes it Tick!" Maw's new Washer Gas Motor Pete, Harry & Eva probably Abe & Lester too





Albert, Lester, Harry W. Harold, Harry H., Richard (Dick), Gordon (Bill), Adam.



Harry W. Hoskins & son Harold Mar 1946



Above: Bill, Sis, Adam, Abe, Lester, Harold, Headed to School. Penny there but not old enough for school yet. About 1950 or 51.



To the Left: Harry W. Hoskins On Horse named Captain King who did not like men riding him.







## Harold's Ramblings

### Selsor Ford Ramble

Written September 19, 2011

I have spent a lot of time, this summer, down on the ole Middlefork River near the Selsor Ford. The fishing hole is located just upstream from said ford. It is located across the river from the forty acre patch of ground, where I was raised. as I set there on the river's edge, in my easy chair with my thermos of coffee on one side, my tackle box on the other, and my poles laid upon some hickory stick holders that I made, similar to the sling shots of old, I day dream a lot – I



reminisce a lot, but most of all – I enjoy a lot. From where I set upon the water' edge, I can see the run off ditch from there well from whence we fetched water as a young'n. Just upstream from the ditch is where our swimming hole – well one of em – is located. That is where I learned to swim, not by choice, but by being thrown in the river by my brother. I remember the day well; mom bought me some Osh Gosh by Gosh bib overalls... I ran from the cabin to the swimming hole to show off my new gotten duds. Upon arriving at the place where my sibs, cousins, and friends were reveling in the coolness of the water, on that hot summer's day, my brother Pete proceeded to grab me by the seat of my newly gotten

bibbers and tossed me in the river. I was not mad that I could not swim, but I just knew he ruined my newly acquired Osh Goshes.

Also I can look down stream to where the rushing water meanders thru the willow breaks, I seem to remember that one year a large tree fell across the river, upon which we could walk to the other side, (which happens to be the side upon which I am now setting and letting my mind run rampant. we, my sibs and I, I don't remember who else, built a fire and packed corn in the husk in mud, and put in the ashes near the fire, upon which we were cooking a "newly acquired" chicken from who knows where on a wooden spit. I can recall the taste of the corn, the smell of the smoke and most of all the delicious chicken that I learned later – was "ill gotten".

Across the river from my location is the huge field, where as a child I would oft time go with my dad and he would discover Indian artifacts, be it arrow heads, tomahawk stones, or other items that made my eyes pop with awe. Behind me is a meadow, as pretty a meadow as I have ever known, that lies below a hillside that I once considered of great height. At the top of the hill are

some dips in the ground, or swales that are – guessing – 15 to 20 feet across. As a child, I oft time wondered the origin of the “holes”, only to later find out that they were buffalo wallows. Seems the buffalo would cross the river, climb the hill and then in the “clayey” ground, roll and toss the dust to cover themselves to keep the insects from bothering them.

I can set and tell you of dreams and thoughts of the past, and I will probably do just that later, but this little piece of ground on the rear side of my brother’s farm is where I seem more at peace than any place I know.



### **Thinking of Mom**

Written September 19, 2011

As I set by the river, tis but a stream  
fishing pole in hand, I begin to dream  
of the land just across the way,  
I think of times in a long ago day.

Upon the ridge was my 3 room shack  
wooden screen doors, front and back.  
A quaint little cabin, set back in the wood  
when times were simple, times were good.

I can recall my mother setting on their stoop  
snapping green beans with her little group.  
We all snapped the beans, and talked a lot  
these are times, times not to be forgot.

Her apron spread to hold the beans to snap  
another use for her to use my favorite lap.  
She told of when she was but a lass  
seem to make the time go by fast.

Mom could talk on subjects galore  
and we anxiously listened to hear more.  
Mom had way with words and verse  
for mom; we would be none the worse.

She told of fauna and flora about  
and the blessings that God did hand out.  
She especially like to tell of her trips  
and the words flowed from her lips.

You could see the gleam in her eye  
as she would tell of miles gone by  
of the mountains, the valleys and peoples,  
of farms, of villages with church steeples.

She loved to paint, write and share  
and playing her guitar, which was rare  
she disliked no one, and befriended all  
she loved it when a neighbor made a call.

How she raised such a brood as us?  
Enough kids to fill half a school bus.  
She done well keeping us all in line  
these were to me the best of times.

By Harold

## **Morning on the Farm**

Written September 20, 2011

### **DOWN IN THE HILLS OF HAWBUCK**

(Just south of the gravel pit, and north of the willow breaks)

On a cold winter's morn, in the cabin at the end of the road, one would awaken to the smell of pancakes, eggs, perchance bacon. Mom arose early to stoke the ole kitchen wood burning range way afore any kids stirred. With a hearty breakfast stowed away, 'twas time for milking the cows, fetchin water, gathering eggs, slopping the pigs. The milking was done up at the barn on the hill above the cabin. Dressed in layers of clothes and two pairs of socks, and perhaps a layer of newspaper around our feet, off to the barn with milk pail in hand. I, when it was my turn to milk, usually milked "ole blue", our blue roan, short horn cow. And as one milked, you would put your head up against the cow, which provided some warmth and also stability upon the one legged milking stool.

As we milked the beagle dogs, and pet raccoons would gather and knowing milk was precious, we still shared with them. Twas fun to squirt a stream of milk from the ole cows teats to the face of a young raccoon,,, to see them standing on their hind legs, trying to catch the milk with their forepaws, and licking their chops at the milk that oft time was all over their bandit appearing faces. Once the milk pail was full, and the cow stripped for the last bit of milk, we would toss down some hay,,, sometimes we did this before we milked, so the cow

would stand still while we milked. I fondly remember the hayloft – where we would stack bales of hay in such a way as to make hideouts, or places to just stay out of the wintry cold. Then trudging down the hill, protecting our bounty of milk, we would make it back to the cabin. Mom would take the milk; strain it through cheese cloth as to remove "impurities" that had somehow gotten into the pail. The milk was set aside to let it stand, and the cream to rise to the top, which was skimmed off later to make butter,,, heck – we had a fang dangled new glass, crank handled, butter churn. It was fun at first to be the one to make the butter, usually in the evening time. Then it would be time to bring in enough wood, or coal, as the case may be, so mom would have ample amount to keep the wintry bite off the cabin while we went off to school. then it would be time to rebundle ourselves for the trek to the end of the lane where the bus would pick us up, and to leave mom home, in peace and serenity, where she could finish what tasks she had to do, so she would have time to enjoy the quietness of the cabin, so she could partake in her joy of writing, be it poems, letters for the weekly local paper, or just notes to herself of dreams that she hoped would someday emerge as reality. Sometimes she painted..undistracted, or played her guitar. She had soooo much love,, and she was not afraid to dish it out to each and every one of us.

Harold

## Christmas in Potomac

Written September 20, 2011

Twas setting here thinking of Christmas of days gone by... where the Christmas tree was non electrical, and trimmed with pop corn and paper chains and icicles so shiny.

When the ole Florence stove would be cherry red, for this was Christmas day,, and upon the Florence would be a wash pan that served as a humidifier, also heated dad's shaving water, to be used with his new double edged razor, thus retiring his straight razor and the razor strop would be out of immediate reach of dad, perchance he got mad. Lol. The aromatic waft of delightful smells coming from the kitchen in our wee cabin, of a Canadian goose in the oven with other goodies and rolls. The stove top would be

covered with pots and pans covering every available space... with a pot of ritualistic chili that dad made, along with other sumptuous items. Two things that stick in my memory,,, the once a year treat of oyster stew and the coffee pot of enamel making a tune that became ever increasingly fast with every moment. Lest we not forget, the wood had to be fetched along with buckets of coal (if available), and the cows still had to be milked, the horses fed and put away, the eggs to be collected, and ashes to be removed from the stoves to be strewn to make path ways to the cabin in the woods. The water pail had to be kept full, and water was fetched from up the lane and over the hill, and every drop that was spilled seemed to freeze upon your pant legs. but there was time to play on the hill by the barn, with sleds made of wood, or toboggans made of corrugated sheets of tin, or even ride a scoop shovel (makeshift sled) down the hill at breakneck speed, or so it seemed. Playing hockey on the frozen river with pucks of old tuna cans, and clubs of sticks made of limbs of an old dead tree... ice skates that clipped on your boots and strapped on... this item was a treasure to behold and often shared....lol. And between plays, a bon fire upon the river bank to thaw and warm the body if not the soul, if not the soles of your boots and wet socks... but they are good memories, memories I will look upon with fondness and sadness, for the togetherness we had then seemed to dwindle with time from then to now. Sorry to bend your ears....

Harold



*Santa with little Jerry Hoskins, to his right Marilyn Sue Hoskins, to her right Harold. Boy with stripped shirt is Lester. Boy with finger in his face UNK? Kathryn Hoskins in the way back. Abt. 1951.*

## **An Omen of Electric in Hawbuck**

Written September 20, 2011

I remember one Christmas Eve and Christmas day more so than others,, it was when I was about the 4th grade. The tree was trimmed..the house was picked up,, brothers and sisters all home except one in the service. The fire in the wood cook stove was going strong, with aroma of dad's famous chili. The warm morning stove providing what heat it could in our little uninsulated cabin of 3 rooms,, being as front room and kitchen were one big room... chili was being served in whatever containers we could find. What made this year "special" was we had no electric,, yet under the Christmas tree was and brand new, shiny, Lionel train set..... to be powered by electricity. We figured out right away, that the electric would soon be coming to our house, down at the end of the road in Hawbuck... we dang near wore out the Lionel train by pushing it around the track by hand, before the electric arrived at our house that spring.

Harold

## **Ice storm**

Written Dec 2007

Once upon a time, in my home town.  
The ice cometh, the trees came down,  
and a mess was strewn all about  
for the luxuries - we were without

We rounded up candles, so as to see  
for there was not computer or TV.,  
and as we sat and talked of old  
outside a blowing, bitter wind, so cold.

But we were snug and warm as could be  
all gathered around an unlit Christmas  
tree.

Grateful for all the things great and small,  
and for our family members, one and all.

Tis times like this that brings us so close  
to the ones that we do love the most.  
For things to go awry, perhaps amiss  
For we have prepared for such as this.



Above: Pete, Uncle Fred and John Hoskins at the electrical box.



In Back: John T. Hoskins, Steve, Sue, Penny.  
In Front: Debbie, Lester, Jerry, Harold



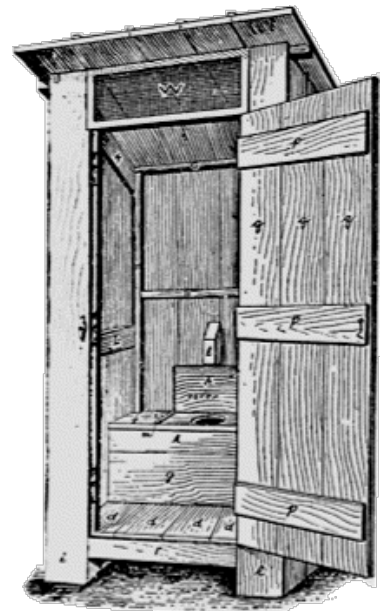
## Red Rooster, Red Rooster, Dead Rooster

Ever throw an ole red rooster down the hole of an out- house.  
Well it happen to me, and I can tell you how it came about.  
The red rooster liked me not, and in return I liked him none.  
Then one day he came at me at full bore, at a dead run.



He flogged me, he pecked me, he really ticked me off real good.  
This day I made up my mind, enough, and my ground, I stood.  
I killed that sucker; the ole red rooster was now surely dead,  
cause I done found me a club and put it upside his head.

Now mom would be mad, I am so sure she, surely will.  
Now to get rid of the ole red rooster, that I just did kill.  
No better place could I think of then the outhouse out back.  
I tossed that sucker down there in an ole gunny-sack.



The sack came open; the undead rooster came out,  
he started such a ruckus and flopping about.  
Mom came to see just what just had happened.  
What happened next, I would rather had a strappen.

This part of the story I really should leave untold.  
She made my brothers lower me on a rope, down the hole,  
to retrieve the red rooster, from \$@#% cold and smelly  
I got that sucker whilst standing in crap, clean up to my belly.

They raised me out of the hole, red rooster and all.  
I wanted to throw him up against the out- house wall.  
But mom made me take him to the river with me,  
with lava soap, to make us both stink free.

I should have drowned the red rooster, the thought later came,  
but from that day forward the red rooster was not the same.  
He stayed away from me, and I was no longer afraid.  
Those are the facts, from which this story is made.



## Swimming Hole

By Happy Harold

Down at the ole swimming hole we go.  
On the grape vine, swinging to and fro.  
Where we first learned to swim alone,  
just over the hill from our cabin home.

Where we bathed with ivory soap,  
twas the only soap made to float.  
thus the bar of soap was never lost,  
from one another it was tossed.

Ole swimming hole, by the sycamore tree,  
life there was good, and so care free.  
Time spent there was time well spent,  
that is why, we oft times there, went.

Kids screaming, yelling, having a good time,  
swinging two at a time, on the ole grape vine.  
Tis a wonder the grapevine never gave way.  
I will remember the swimming hole til my dying day.

I think every kid nearly drowned there, or so they say.  
The tales we tell of went on there, in our younger day.  
Every boy and girl should have their own swimming hole,  
where dreams were made, and memories do unfold.



Picture Left: Jim Hoskins' son  
Alex Hoskins by the Ole  
Swimmin Hole Back of John  
T Hoskins' Farm near the  
Hills of Hawbuck property.  
Middle Fork River, Vermilion  
County, Illinois

## Fulfilling Mom's Dreams

I will never see all the places my mom dreamed.  
For her mind wondered there often, it seemed.  
I hope to see some of them all before I am done  
for I loved to travel, see things, follow the sun.

Mother loved the Ozarks, the Smokey Mountains too,  
she saw the Great Desert, and the Rockies, but still so few.  
She wanted to see them all, but saw only a few in number,  
but now she can see them all, from her eternal slumber.

I yearn to see the New England states late in the fall,  
the splendor of nature, and colorful leaves afore they fall.  
I want to see the gulf, when the weather up north is cold,  
I just want to go, see, and enjoy, as the road doth unfold.

Would be nice to go to a city or two, but for me rural will  
suffice,  
the back roads, the bi-ways, the less travelled road, those are  
nice.  
To meet the people, enjoy the people, and their ways of  
living,  
to share their joys, their hardships, happiness and forgiving.

To see the tall trees way out west, the Green Forest in Oregon,  
these are the things I truly want to see before I am gone.  
The caves in New Mexico, the Geyser's up in Wyoming,  
aw, the wonders of the USA are the things worth seeing.

The Great Lakes, and all the small lakes, and streams running free,  
these are just a few things I, in memory of Mom, do want to see.  
And when the times comes, I can't travel - I can travel no longer,  
I will return to my roots, and sit and dream, places to ponder.

I am sure; I will never see all the places Mom dreamed of,  
for knowledge was her forte, and travel - she did love.  
For no matter where I will go, which road I will upon meander,  
I will share with my Mom, the beauty, the awesomeness, the splendor.



*Just N. of Tenn.-Ky  
State Line. A few  
hundred ft on rt. 119  
where it changes to  
rt. 121. Time abt  
11:30 a.m.. Cabin  
appealed to us as  
novel and unusual, so  
we took a picture.  
Harry and Eva  
Hoskins*

Harold



## **Eleventh Generation From John Hodgkinson**

**In this Section**  
**Children & Families of**  
**Harry W. & Eva V. Hoskins**

**John Truman Hoskins**  
**Harry Harvey Hoskins (Pete)**  
**Richard Lee Hoskins (Dick)**  
**Gordon Robert Hoskins (Bill)**  
**Eva Waunetta Hoskins Flack (Sis)**  
**Adam Everette Hoskins**  
**Albert Leroy Hoskins (Abe)**  
**Lester Dale Hoskins**  
**Harold Eugene Hoskins**  
**Esther Virginia Hoskins Adams (Penny)**

## John T. Hoskins

### Why I do what I do. By John T. Hoskins

Worked on my own cars after I got out of the Navy (1944-1947). Fix or walk so I could go see my gal.

I'm not a farmer I tried working as a farm hand. 8 months no go. As a plumber 8-10 months, not a ditch digger. Worked as a carpenter liked that but it was seasonal. Worked all spring, summer, and fall. Too cold in the winter so I got a job, Civil Service about 1 year at Danville Veteran's Hospital then went north to Chesterson, Indiana, worked in a foundry for 8 months. Came back to Potomac and carpentered for part of the summer for Al May (Uncle) and got a job at Chanute Air Base as an Aircraft Electrician from 1951 -1974, 23 years.

We (Kathryn & I) bought a rundown place on the North Main Street of Potomac. An old building that was part of the Marysville Depot, (as Potomac was called a long time ago). Fixed it up pretty nice but not big enough and I was or started into Beagling about that time (a hobby) So I could get out of town I guess. By this time I'd got married (1948) and 3 kids and the 4<sup>th</sup> one on the way (1958).

I and Dad (Harry W Hoskins) traded houses, my house, a boat, and a table saw, which I borrowed most of the time, for his 13 room house and about 15 acres of bottoms South East part of Potomac (Maple Street).

Dick, Harry, Bill, all brothers sorta got into boats for a while. Then ponies on our hill side farm and bottoms. Couldn't do much with the bottoms cause of the flooding of the Bluegrass and Middlefork rivers. Tried a patch of corn and then beans, so I needed a bigger place (had ponies and cow's 1965) so I talked to Charlie Jester about his 150 acre farm \$25,000.00 at 4% interest. So I borrowed money 5,000 on the hillside farm and to make annual payment of 2,500 and working at Chanute sorta guaranteed my income. Paid off in 8 years and found out that I was a farmer. (1966) The farm is located abt. 3 miles south of Potomac, Il.

We tried lapidary (Rock Hound), as this farm has a lot of rocks, a few years. But that didn't last over 3-4 years, had fun. Helped start the Potomac Horse Club when we lived in town, 1962. Revived it, still have ponies, Halflingers, nice (2003).

Retired in 1974 Civil Service and mom and I traveled to California and Gunnison, Colorado, and to St. George, Utah to visit our sons and family several times.

Worked one winter with Jerry in California so I could get Social Security and Medicare for 4 months. Lived in motor home, in Jerry's driveway. On the weekends mom & I would go to the big Flea Market (Danio's) at Marysville, California. We'd buy our veggies for the week. Head lettuce 25 cents, onions 25 cents a bunch, oranges, and so on. We got our exercise and had fun. Visited Brother Lester and family and Albert and family, and Sister Penny & Don. The weather out there was nice but I like the 4 seasons. I cry about the hot and cold summer and winter like everybody else does. But I chose to live here of all the places I've been, this is home. I enjoyed my life and hobbies... Black Powder Guns, Boating, and skiing, fishing, hunting, trading gun's,



reloading, rock hounds, Riding, driving, & breaking, raising colts, pigeons, showing, racing, rollers, carving, Kickapoo Carving Club, (lots of friends) travel to shows, Farming, Cows, Chickens, Hogs, Sheep, Horses, lot of trading, hunting rabbits, Squirrels, Quail, Pheasant, Elk, Repairing old machinery & making it better. Couldn't afford better. Beagleing, Refurbishing a WD Chalmers Tractor. And all through this my wife put up with me and my doings over 50 years so far. She is a Jewel. And now we go to the rummage sales to find a bargain and walk and exercise.

Put up hay this year 625 bales June 15 2003 1<sup>st</sup> cutting off west of house and the north bottom. We built a good home to relax and live in. in 1978 traded 12 acres to my brothers for a new house. Helped with Scouts and American Legion.

Spent about 5 or 6 years in around 1992 building a Veteran's Memorial in the southwest corner of the Potomac Cemetery. About \$20,000 we collected for it. I had a great community to help.

John Truman Hoskins

Biography: Written by Jim Hoskins

My father was born 4 Oct 1926. He joined the Navy on 11 Aug 1944 and served until the 10th of October 1947. While in the Navy he was station in The Great Lakes, Memphis Tenn., Astoria Oregon, Corpus Christi TX, San Diego, Norfolk VA, and served aboard the USS Fremont. He married Kathryn Lavern Rogers; my mother, on Dec 1948. Kathryn was born 5 Jan 1930. They had four children Marilyn Sue, Jerry Dean, John Steven and James Charles.

My father was married prior to Kathryn to Alma Lee Bishop for a very short time. I understand he got married when he was on leave from the Navy. The next time he took leave he got a divorce.

He met Kathryn the girl of his dreams and they were married. They started out in a little house down in Hawbuck, I believe. I had heard they also had a little one room home near Oakwood for awhile. I understand they moved around a bit in those early years. Even a move towards Lake Michigan and back. There was a small home in Potomac they lived in for a while. I understand that Tornadoes took the roof off of that house. My mom says she remembers getting in the car and a big tree kind of following the car a little ways. Tornadoes do some



**John T. Hoskins**  
**One of His First Set of Wheels !**

strange things sometimes. I wasn't around until 1958. The first House I remember was the big house on Maple Street in Potomac.

Starting out for them I am sure like any young couple was ruff. I never learned that lesson until I went through it myself. It isn't until a person walks in another's shoes that he can really understand and appreciate the other.

Dad always gave us kids a lot of things, but he always helped us to learn to appreciate what we got. Dad worked at Chanute Air Force Base as a Civil Servant in the field of aircraft electronics. At the same time trying to keep a small farm going in town.

My brothers had a trash route in town and they would take a team of ponies and a wagon around to collect the trash. My dad had a small amount of acreage that he grew corn and had farm animals.

One day when I was about 6 years old we moved to the farm between Potomac and Collison. 150 acres of prime farm land just across the river from where my dad grew up. My mother always seemed to go along with what dad said but I think it was kind of ruff at first to agree on the financial responsibility of a 150 acre farm. It took a lot of family effort to run the farm but we grew corn, hay, oats, and kept horses, cows, and pigs. I felt like all I ever did was keep those cows from getting out all the time. It seemed if there was a fence, then it was meant to be jumped by a bunch of cows. I spent many a day of my youth chasing cows out of the corn.

What I didn't realize at the time that all those years of helping corn grow and tending animals were the years that helped me to grow and learn responsibility.

But like my dad I can sure relate to the great outdoors. I was never one for hunting or fishing, but I do like the smell of the woods just after a spring rain. The spring always seemed to bring the most beautiful colors out of nature.

My mother was always busy canning corn, cooking, cleaning, and doing mom things. She seemed to enjoy being a housewife. She enjoyed hobbies like sewing, knitting, ceramics, and such.

My mother was always a friend to me as my brothers and sister were so much older they had mostly left home when I was growing up. My mother and I loved to go to the big town of Danville and get groceries or to go to garage sales.

My Dad kept a full time job at Chanute which he was later to retire from, as well as keeping up the farm. When he wasn't too busy we would go fishing or pheasant hunting. Every year we took a week or two and went on vacation to see the U.S. or to see distant relatives. I remember seeing Niagara Falls, The Smokey Mountains, Arkansas, Lake of the Ozarks, Yellowstone, and many other great sights. I don't know how my parents managed to support all the things we used to do but I had one heck of a good time growing up.

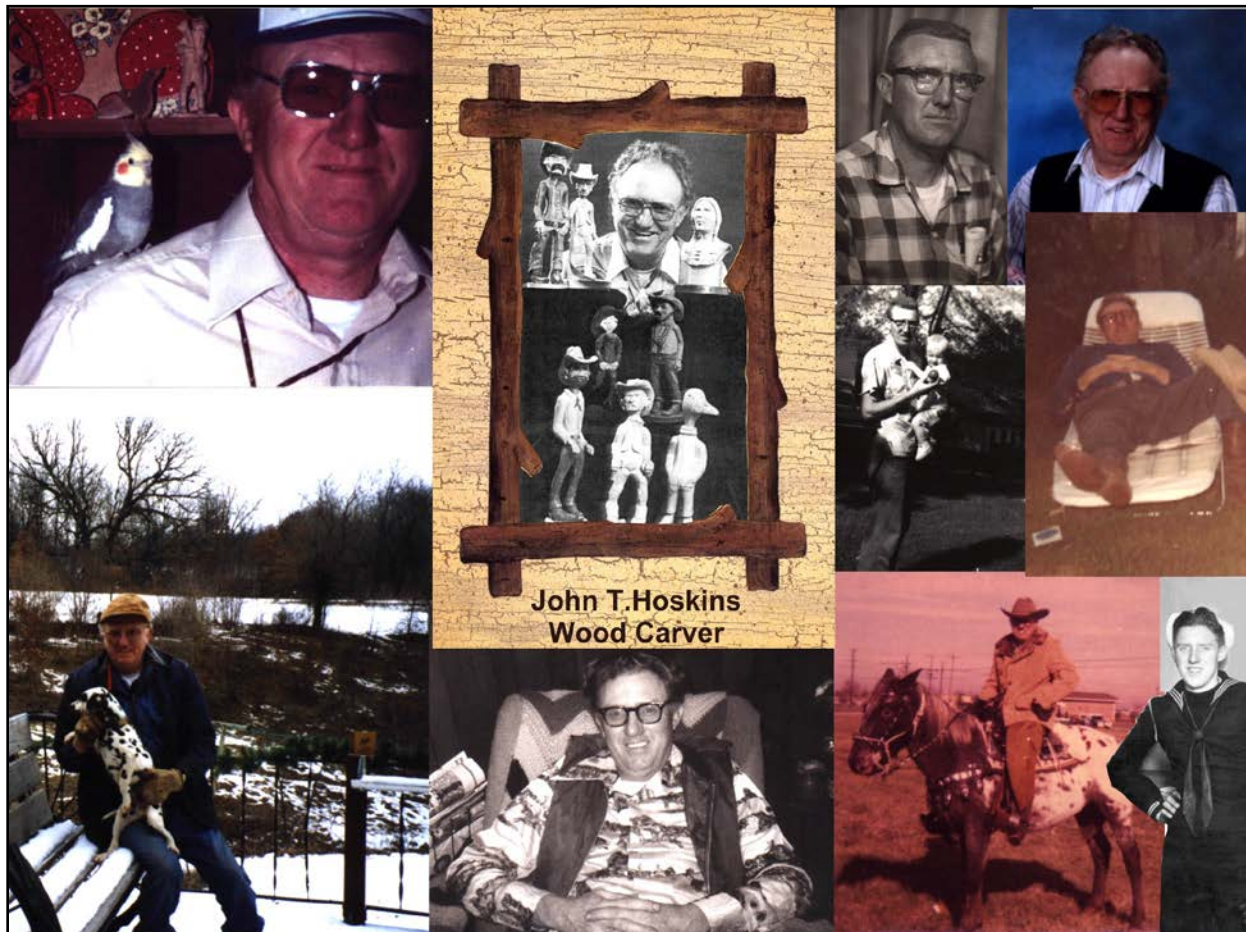
My Dad always enjoyed Horse Trading and we always had horses and ponies. He always kept up a garden but maybe not quite as good as my Grandpa Hoskins. Dad used to be involved with local Beagle hunting clubs. One of the few times I ever saw my dad cry was when his favorite beagle dog died. His name was Bing.





Dad and Bing

Dad is retired now from the base. The farm is paid for. Dad spent quite a few years enjoying his hobby of carving. He helped to raise money for a local veteran's memorial at the Potomac Cemetery. He is a big part of the American Legion in Potomac. Mom and Dad came out to visit us in Utah several times and we have gone back to Illinois to visit them. My son Troy spent a summer with them when he was 10 years old. I think he will always remember that. He even had a fish jump into the boat with him, out in the river fishing with my dad!





### Hi Top Boots About 1936

We lived on a farm and I was 10, the oldest of 5 or 6 kids then. I wanted a pair of Hi Top Boots or shoes that were all leather, and came up to almost my knees. One boot had a pocket for a folding knife. It come Oct 4th that year. Dad and mom got me boots, shiny black and the best knife you ever seen. We went to Danville to the court house. A colored man shined shoes for 10cents. Dad treated me to a shine so the boots would last longer.

I wore the boots to school, to church, hunting everywhere through the mud and snow. Id dry them over by the old wood stove, I put lard on them to water proof them, and make the leather softer. They were

great and I could carry my knife, and clean rabbits, and trap for fur. One day, in the spring it was thawing out and I had cut wood most of the day to deep the house warm, and the kitchen stove going, so mom could cook our meals. Anyway I was tired, wet and muddy. I put the last arm load of wood in the wood box by the stove. I sit by the stove to get warm and propped up my feet; toward

the side or the stove, and went to sleep. When I woke up my feet were real hot. I jerked off my Hi tops and the souls were rubber. They were so hot that they about fell off. I cried and was sort of afraid to tell dad. He looked them over and said they could be fixed. He took them to the work shop and put hog rings all out side of the souls to keep them together. That worked except when I got to school them hog rings made a lot of noise walking on that wood floor. All the kids would laugh. It was close enough to spring that I just went bare footed the rest of the year. Sure missed them boots. Lesson learned Don't go to sleep too close to the fire.

From John Hoskins 7 Nov 04

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Dear Son's and Daughter

As Father's Day is close, I got to thinking about being a father and about you. I taught you much and I disciplined you as the time called for. For that was the way I was raised. .As I grew older a lot of the things I thought was important didn't matter as much now. Things change in life. I thought trying to teach a hand shake was important and grown up. But I was wrong. Jim taught me a hug was a lot better.

I am proud of you all and each of you have your own way of life. You are all different and have your own way of doing. You stand up for what you believe in. Each has your own trade in life, and each has chosen your own life style, and each respect you Mother and of that I am proud that I am you father.

If I had to do it over I'd not change, for you'd be different and I like you as you are now.

Love Dad John T. Hoskins

20 May 2003



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Bible Schools.  
attendance.

25 years ago, James Kimball, Catlin teacher,  
coach and athletic director, is named an Out-  
standing Secondary Educator of America.

## Local

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# Potomac resident designs veterans' memorial

**\$12,000 project to  
be finished by city's  
125th anniversary**

**By Alice Pollock**  
Staff Writer

POTOMAC — John Hoskins, a former American Legion commander, dreamed of doing something for others about five years ago.

Since that time, Hoskins, 73, has brainstormed ideas on how he wanted to accomplish his dream. About a year ago, he finally came up with a design

and a way to bring Potomac its very own veterans' memorial.

It will recognize area individuals who served in the armed services.

"I wanted to do something that represented all phases of the service, from different wars to honor those who went out and done their part," Hoskins said.

The memorial, to encompass about 12 feet of space complete with landscaping, benches and flags, is expected to be completed by 2001, allowing the organization time to raise funds. The memorial will sport a sphere at the top symbolizing

all areas of the service.

Hoskins said the idea is to dedicate the memorial to the village during the 125th anniversary celebration.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$12,000, said Loretta Burke, secretary of the committee. The memorial will be placed at the north edge of the cemetery near the highway.

Ground for the memorial was donated by banker Gordon Rice.

Bricks will be sold bearing the names and the insignia of which branch of the service the veteran served in. Deceased veterans will have a star inscribed on the brick, said Burke.

The committee will also hold its first fish fry fund-raiser Saturday at the American Legion. Dinners will include a fish sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade pie and a drink for \$5. Tickets for a chance to win a 50-inch big screen television will be sold. The TV will be given away on Sept. 12 at the Potomac Artesian Fall Festival.

"So far we have had a good response to this," Hoskins said. "It's something that will take time, but will really be worth it. We just want to be able to get everyone involved who wants to be involved and try to represent



### Fast facts

The Potomac Veterans' Memorial Committee is selling bricks for the Veterans' Memorial for \$35 for the name of one veteran or person, \$40 for the names of two

people or \$50 for two bricks with two names. Bricks will be sold during the fish fry fund-raiser from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion on Grant Street.

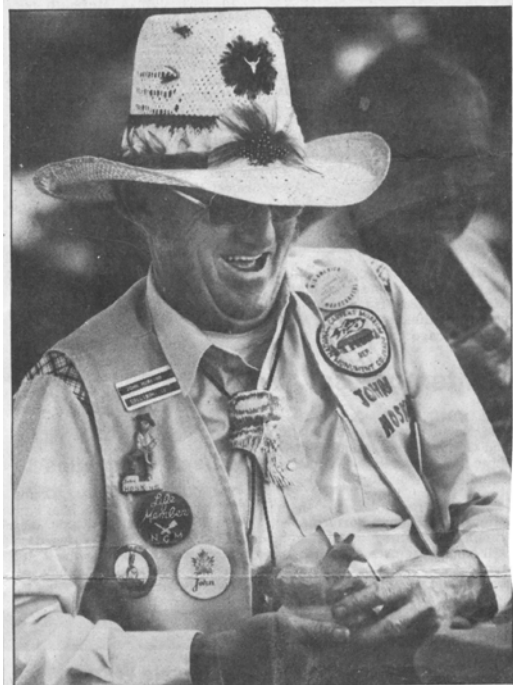
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as many veterans as possible."

Hoskins said he hopes that future generations will be able to look back at the history of

their families and be proud.

"We want this to serve as a reminder and for everyone to be happy with what it is."



### Whittling away the day

John Hoskins, a member of the Kickapoo Carvers, works on a piece of woodcarving at the annual Hunting and Fishing Day at Kickapoo State Park. The day-long event Sunday also featured music, a flea market, canoe rides, archery, rifle shooting and a fishing derby for the kids. Hoskins is from Collison, Ill. (C-N photo by Ernest Coleman)



On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1948 John married Kathryn Lavern Rogers



## Kathryn

Family History by Kathryn Rogers Hoskins Jan. 1974

I am Kathryn Lavern Rogers, born on January 5, 1930 Sunday Morning at 2:10 a.m. Lakeview Hospital, Danville, IL. To Ernest and Esther Rogers. (4 Lbs 14 1/2 Oz.) I was married December 1948 to John Hoskins, (Born Oct 4, 1926 and we have 4 children Marilyn Hoskins, B. 4 May 1949, Jerry Hoskins B. April 5 1950, Steven Hoskins B. 9 June 1951 and James Hoskins B. 7 Aug 1958.

My Mother was Esther Fox, Rogers and was born in 1895 near Oakwood, Ill. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a former Sunday School Teacher. She attended Lake Shore Grade School but did not go to High School. Ernest Rogers and Esther Fox were united in marriage 23 Nov 1927 in the Methodist Church at Holmer, Ill. Esther passed away 20 April 1969. Ernest on May 5 1966, and both are buried at the Oakwood Cemetery, Ill.

Ernest served in World War I in the Navy before their marriage. Mother's occupation for 15 years was correspondent for the Danville Commercial News. Father's occupation was a railroad worker. Ernest was born 22 Feb 1894. Their Children are myself, Kathryn Rogers, and Charles Donald Rogers, who was born Feb 20, 1939.

By Kathryn Hoskins Jan 2002

Hi- Well I started a little of my childhood days. They are kinda quiet compared to Dads.

I was the only child for about 9 years when I had a little brother, Charles Donald Rogers. He was a surprise to me and the neighbors too.

My father had built a nice house in Oakwood where I lived for almost 19 years. The house still stands and

my brother now lives there with his wife Linda. My childhood was rather quiet. My school was Oakwood Grade School and then 4 years at Oakwood Twp. High. I always liked school and hardly missed a day. Every Sunday was Sunday school which I attended at the Oakwood Methodist Church. My mom and dad took me. There was a big sand pile in a box we always got to play in the first year. My mother taught Sunday School for quite a few years.

My Dad got a brand new model T Ford when I was 6 or 7 yrs. old. He would go to work in it and I remember it going around the block ugga ugga and kinda woke the neighbors up early in the morning, it even had a rumble seat, this was about the first one in Oakwood.

About age 10, I joined 4-H and learned to sew and make jam to can. My first dress was a blue flowered cotton, which I was really proud of.







Mrs. Lela Burton was my first grade teacher. There was a book we had in 2nd grade, called Fun With Dick and Jane. So we had a big lesson and made homemade fudge with nuts at school. Mrs. Burton read a lot to us and she was a very memorable teacher. One time she put on a play and I was a Shirley Temple Doll. Had to bend over and say Mama. I was scared. My dress was blue satin home made too. When I went to school our neighbor picked me up and took me the 2 or 3 blocks. I always came home at noon to eat lunch and mother always had something to eat. We had an inner urban (Trolley) that ran from Champaign to Danville. Our big adventure was to get on for 25 or 30 cents, and ride to Danville to shop. Mother and I went about once a month. We usually got a sandwich at the Deluxe restaurant. It still stands in Danville. On Christmas we would go up to my Aunt Virginias office, where she worked for Mr. Huber. I think he was a lawyer. There was always a big Xmas parade. Virginia always took me places and even gave me her shiny bicycle. I finally learned to ride it and even went up town in it and got some oranges in the basket. On the way home I hit a bump and had to pick up a few oranges. Had lots of fun riding around the block. There wasn't much to do in Oakwood only ride my bike, or skate with my 3 girlfriends. In summer there was free movies to go to, up town. Our family carried our kitchen chairs up town or a blanket and watched the movies on Sat. night. We had a radio at home to listen to. My cousin had won it on the punchboard. Finally then we got a bigger one. Our Dad worked on the interurban railroad fixing and repairing the tracks. When it came a big snow they had to sweep the tracks off and keep them clean. He retired from the railroad later at 65. (worked for the Illinois Terminal and also for the CNI Railroad.) They did have a little hand car they rode between Oakwood and Ogden. Mother wrote for the Commercial New for 15 yrs. (Obituaries, and weddings, and gossip. Like; Mr. and Mrs. John Hoskins attended a birthday party for Marilyn Sue, and stuff like that.) Well then there was the day my girlfriend Joann decided I should drive my Dads car. So she says just get in and step on the clutch and put it in gear. I done just what she told me and away it went. Guess I must of been about 12. I had never drove and it started and slowed, cause I didn't have it in 2nd gear. Finally I got around the block. Here came a cousin Don Longstreth and ask if I needed help. He was 2 yrs younger. He had some experience with his dad. Any way he got it back in the right place, just about where it was. I figured I would get a whoopen, but just got a good talking to. My mom and Dad were just thankful I didn't get hurt. (My girlfriend told this story in our Freshman year and just embarrassed me to death.) Course she got am A on her story. Sunday afternoon was

## Anniversaries

### 50th

#### MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. HOSKINS

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hoskins of Collison, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24 at the Legion Hall in Potomac with family.

John and Kathryn Hoskins were married Dec. 19, 1948.

They have lived in Collison for 33 years.

He is retired from Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul as an electrician. She is a housewife.

They have four children, Marilyn (Steve) Pettice of Potomac, Jerry (Joey) Hoskins of Sacramento, Calif., Steve Hoskins of Gunnison, Colo., and Jim and Ra-Lynn Hoskins of St. George, Utah.

They also have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



You may call or send cards to their home in rural Collison.

always busy with a neighbor girl making popcorn and homemade fudge. Then we would always go see my Grandma Fox and mother would play songs on the piano. Sometimes Virginia played too and we could sing. Virginia taught me a few pieces on the piano. I loved to go to Virginias, as she had an old player piano, with all kinds of piano rolls to go in it. (Pretty Red Wing, was one I liked)

On Sunday we would go to Edith and Dorothy, for dinner or just to visit. They had lots of Xmas dinners. Dads 1936 Ford had a rumble seat, which us kids like to ride in. Dorothy was a schoolteacher at the little country schools that I got to go with her and visit sometimes. She retired when she taught at Diamond School in Danville, Illinois.

Dr. Snyder, lived just across the street from us. My little brother then Charles Donald was playing around and dragging a hoe. Somehow he ran it in his chest and knocked himself out cold. My Dad came running and started across the street to doc. In the mean time he woke up.

My dad was a great carpenter. He built our baby bed and the playpen, me a doll bed and little table and chairs. Then when the depression hit, he built archways in people's homes, for extra money. He built Longstreths and Davis's homes.

Well I had a good child hood. I graduated from high school and the last year met my husband John. He has been a very good husband for 53 yrs. now and maybe another 20 who knows. We have 4 wonderful children, Marilyn Sue and Jerry Dean, John Steven, and James Charles. Got several grand children too. Let's see Sherry, Ron, Linda, Troy, Amy, Tracie and Alex.

#### ENTERTAIN FOR NEWLYWEDS

Oakwood. — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers entertained at a 12-o'clock dinner party Christmas day in honor of their daughter, Mrs. John T. Hoskins, and husband, newlyweds. A decorated Christmas tree provided the setting for a gift exchange during the afternoon.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kelly and son, John Charles, of Danville; Misses Edith and Dorothy Nugent, of Fairmount; Mrs. Charles Fox, and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hoskins, of Oakwood.



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#### Car Crash Hurt Route 2 Woman

Mrs. Kathryn Hoskins, of Danville Route 2, received scalp, forehead and face lacerations and abrasions of the knees and legs when the auto in which she was a passenger was reported to have been involved in a head-on auto collision about 4:30 p. m. Sunday near Jamesburg.

Mrs. Hoskins was brought to Lake View Hospital in an auto driven by Kenneth Lednam. She was treated and admitted for further observation. Her condition was reported as good Monday.



Kathryn Hoskins on Channel 3 News  
From Carving Show



To the Right are pictures of Kathryn Rogers Hoskins in her younger years.

John and Kathryn's four children are Marilyn Sue Hoskins Pettice b. in 1949, Jerry Dean Hoskins b. in 1950, John Steven Hoskins b. in 1951 and James C. Hoskins b. in 1958.



Steve, Jerry, Sue, & Jim

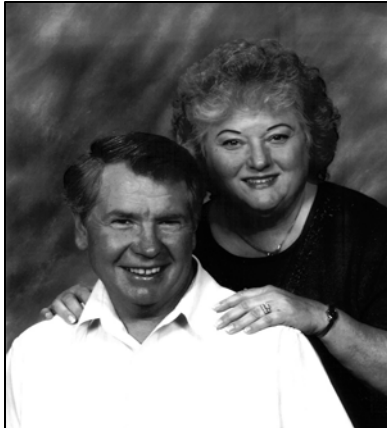


**Kathryn & John Hoskins**  
**Steve, Jerry & Sue**



1949 Early 50's John & Kay's Cabin by the river "41" Olds





Steve and Marilyn Sue Pettice

## Marilyn Sue Hoskins Pettice

I am the daughter of John & Kathryn (Rogers) Hoskins. I was named after a neighbor of folks. Early May the 4th mom was in labor said I was almost born in the back seat a Model-A car. She was at the hospital less that 10 min's, when I appeared into this world. The folks lived in a one room cabin at Haw-Buck. I am the first grandchild to Harry and Eva Hoskins.

My first memory there was that we had baby chickens, they were so cute. My Bro Jerry went to get me one and the mother hen flogged the tar out of him. Jerry is 11 months younger than me, born April 5 then Bro Steve come along just 14 months later June 9th. Then Bro Jim came 9 yrs later August 7, I really wanted a sister but I thank God for Jim a brother. God knows best and as an adult I see that. Penny was like my sister and we had lots of fun. We played in the gravel pit at Haw-Buck. One night I was at Grandpa and ma's they had an out-house. Penny and I were little kids and we were scared to go out to far. We had a flashlight so not too far out; we squatted and she said look Marilyn Sue I pooped pennies!!! I was so surprised to see the shiny penny's all wet on the ground. She so proudly told me, that's why they call her Penny! She pulled a joke on me and I believed her!!!

Penny and I followed Lester and Harold lots of places; they chased the cows after us often. When milking they squirted us with the milk. Sometimes we'd all go out get in the garden and have a feast, radishes, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, sometimes apples later in the year. Sometimes we'd bend the little trees over play as if we were riding horses some of the trees were great as we could fly up pretty high 5'-6', as they had a great spring to them.

Sometimes we slipped in the back door at grandma's kitchen we'd all grab the bread and butter and I hurried to get mine in the sugar can first, as all the dirty hands would turn the sugar brown (mud). I remember the older uncles and cousins coming out they would have wiener roasts. Sometime you'd see a marshmallow fly through the air, looked like a comet on fire. We had lots of fish fry's outside. Oh and the sponge mushrooms were picked by the gunnysacks full yummy.

I remember when the folks left us 3 there and they went to California for a wedding. It was Bill's. Jerry cut the leg off Grandma's kitchen chair with grandpa's hand saw. I remember one night staying there and Grandpa had made a 3 bunk high of beds, and in the middle of the night Harold fell out of the top bunk. He wailed like a little girl, he'd knocked a goose egg on his noggin it was there for some time. Had to tell that one so everyone knows what's wrong with him. Lol

*Pictures below are Marilyn Sue at different ages.*





I remember living at the north end Potomac. I walked to the other end of town to 1st grade sometimes the snow was up past my knees. I discovered a church about 2 blocks over & I was thrilled to go. I got up & went by myself often. I always asked someone to go with me; Jerry and Steve went some of the time. One summer we went to a church camp Hanging Rock, there they asked what songs we wanted to sing, brother Steve was swinging his arms and jumping up down and the lady called on him, he wanted to sing "Home on The Range" they all laughed but then the lady got us all to sing it. Years later I think that was a really smart Lady to do that for him. The folks later moved to a huge house with 14 rooms in it on the South end of Potomac, Maple Street. We were the first family to live up on the main floor. There was an artesian well that flowed in the basement. It was like troth and it had been used for a refrigerator to keep food cold. Grandpa & ma lived there before us. I remember the old post bed Grandma would hide things in the post, the feather ticks penny and I slept under were warm and heavy. That was ok as it was cold in the attic. There were 105 windows in that big old house.



Jerry, Steve, Sue, and Jim

Jerry traded something (I think a pair of shoes) for a Juke Box. We had the old 78s (records), it was neat as we pushed a button the house would rock-n-roll. Jail House Rock, Wake up Little Susie, and many more, must of been 100 -150 records. Still have some of them too.

The folks had horses. Jerry and Steve got them a trash route going on the weekends they had about 40-50 customers. They'd hitch up the two Shetland ponies (named Thunder and Lighting) and the big old green wagon, off they'd go. I had a paper route, the Chicago Tribune, I got 15 cents for each paper, and I had about 60 people. So I never made much, but more that I had. I also did babysitting for \$1-\$2. Later \$25.00 a week wow that was great! They really did pay! Sometimes we never got paid from family. It gave me spending money.

Connie Stockwill, Penny and I would go after school and get a Cherry Coke at the Clark Morris Drug Store. Most all the kids went there after school; it was a really nice place for the kids to have a place for them as there was nothing else in town. On Saturday nights some of the kids would get together go to Muncie to a skating rink and free movies it was cool.

In my teens I went to High School east of town. Every day I walked up to my friends house Connie Stockwill. She use to live across the street on Maple then they moved to North end right beside the Church of Christ. We've been friends from 3rd grade, & still are. Anyway we'd then walk back out to the high school. Connie and I had lots of fun together one time we had gone fishing in the creek, back of the big house across the field. We had our poles and got down to the river to fish. We looked under some logs & got some fish worms fished & got some too, about 6-7, lost my worm so I found a leach & thought that would work. Well got the thing on the hook by stabbing the hook in it, but I never touched the thing. Ewwwwww! So we were about ready to go and I wanted that leach off my Hook so I got busy trying to rub the hook against a log to push it off. I was having a terrible time with that tough old thing. Connie had gotten all the

things ready and was prodding me to hurry up! She had to go pee. Next thing I know a slew of fish slapped me in the face!

Wooo!!! I jumped up seen her running and laughing at me, so off I went with my pole. She was laughing so hard she could hardly run. I goosed her with the pole until we got through the field and up front of the Big House, and there in the middle of the road, she peed her pants!!! From laughing so hard.

Later she introduced me to her cousin Steve Pettice he sure is cute and those brown eyes wow. We both were very shy. We were on a picnic at Lake Vermillion where the Stockwill's were driving their Motor Boats and swimming. Connie had a really great figure and I was skinny. She had a bikini this was the new fad. She brought her extra one and wanted me to wear it, well I got it on. She went on out from the dressing house, as I was taking too long. Well about 1/2 hour later I came out in this bright red bikini with a towel wrapped around me. I got into the water asp. It was just too skimpy for me. Later we all got out of the water, dressed & went to eat. There was a Juke Box and a shelter up by the picnic area. Steve and I Danced to a song "Crying in the Chapel", popular song then.

It was some time before I saw him again. It was June so I just turned 14. He was 16. He said he got his driver's license. He saw me walking to town. I was in front of the UB church on Maple St. he said he fell in Love at first sight. It was later in the next year, December that Connie set us up. We were at her folks; we were in the kitchen everyone disappeared, leaving us in the room alone. Then he asked me to go to the movies with him. We went on a double date to the Fisher Theater. I was 15 now. We dated more. The Draft was in force at that time and he chose to go in the Navy, this was March 10, 1965. I wrote him every day. He was at the Chicago Naval Base, for boot camp and graduated in May. He was there for some time. He came home every week end. We'd go to a movie and Marty-Ks or we'd get something at the movies. Sometimes he would come and get me at Armstrong, High School, where I was in Art Class. He drove over in his 56' Chev. All the girls would gather at the upstairs window to see a sailor come pick me up. I was so proud of my guy, but more in Love to really care what they thought.

Then he came home and told me he was now leaving for a cruise around the world it was April when he left for Norfolk, VA. He was on a destroyer. USS Holder DD 819. It went to the Vietnam War and then to Hong Kong, China, Sweden, and on around the world. Uncle Bill and Barb were moving back to California with their 5 kids and I begged to go. I helped Barb as we traveled I was excited to get away from home. The summer was interesting. Harold was getting married. Now there was 2 Marilyn Hoskins until later that year DEC 20, 1966. Steve came home on leave and we got married. He took our things out to Norfolk, VA. He came back in Feb got me & we flew out, we lived there for 1 year & moved back to Illinois for few mo's. Steve went on a cruise then we moved back to VA till Feb 1969. During his duty in Navy he went around the World one and half times. When Steve got out of Navy he got a job at General Motors, from which he is now retired.

I have enjoyed my Art. I have done in home painting class, some personal one on one class, taught at Potomac School art class, taught at Creative Arts and Crafts 5 yrs., and at Hobby Lobby for 2 years. Steve and I have a business we sale my paintings and he makes wood items and cabinets. I know I have sold over 1000 paintings. I like painting mirrors canvas wood just about anything. I taught at a retreat in Allerton Park, near Monticello, IL for 16 years. Where our group (I.H.D.A.) the Illinois Heartland Decorative Artist have put on this retreat where we have folks from all over come to spend the week end and paint. We are on the Internet. We also put on a

Arts and crafts show at the Assembly Hall in Champaign, IL the Chris Cringle show where we have had over 15,000 folks come to see our show it is 31 years old this yr.

Steve and I have 3 Children:

Sherry Ann, who married Edward Allen Cundiff in 1987. She had Alex, and twins Adam, and Darren.

Ronald Steven Pettice, who married Cherri Adams they have at this time a son Justin Robert Pettice.

Linda Sue married Michael Ellis Howie Linda had 4 children Chayce Wagner, Kathy McFarland, Connor McFarland, and Cheyenne Rose Howie.

Linda's husband Michael has 5 children - Michael, Brian, Brandon, Mara, and Tristan.

Steve and I have been married 45 wonderful years. He has been a wonderful Husband and father. We both love the Lord & go to church at The First Assembly of God in Danville, IL. We now live in Higginsville, IL., about 3 miles from Haw Buck.



Above: Jim and Sue about 1959 at the House on Maple St. in Potomac, Il.

Left: Sue and Jim at Jim's house in St. George, Ut. 1988.





Art League members, from left, Marilyn Pettice of Potomac, Sue Garrison of Danville, Jeanette Larson of Danville and Lori Bernard of Westville run off silk-screen posters for the 29th annual 'Art in the Park' July 14-15 at Lincoln Park. (C-N photo by Chuck Cannady)

## 'Art in the Park' July 14-15



Above: Marilyn with a painting she did during a sermon at church, while her Grandson Alex sang "Call my name".



Left to right Back: Adam Cundiff, Ed Cundiff, Darren Cundiff, Steve Pettice, Alex Cundiff, Chayce, Linda Pettice Howie, Cherri Adams Pettice, Ron Pettice. Middle: Sherry Pettice Cundiff, Marilyn Sue Hoskins Pettice, Baby Cheyenne, Front: Connor and Kathy





Marilyn Sue Hoskins

Ron and Cherri Pettice with their son Justin



To the Right:

Sue taught a  
little bit of Art  
at the Hoskins  
Family  
Reunion in  
2010



Above Linda and Michael's Wedding  
Left to Right: Kathy, Chayce, Cheyenne,  
Linda, Michael, Tristan and in front  
Connor.

Picture to the right is Art Work Adam,  
Darren, Sherry, & Sue did at her Church.



**Jerry Dean Hoskins** is the oldest son of John and Kathryn. Jerry started to join the Air Force out of High School but was drafted in the Army before he could enlist. He served during the Vietnam War but was lucky enough to be stationed in Germany. Jerry's main hobby has always been automobiles. He could usually tell the year make and model just by a quick glance. He chose to be an electrician by trade and eventually started his own company in Sacramento California "Hoskins Electric". He met and married Josephine Sue Evangelisti in 1989. Joey has a son Sean Andrew Willison. Sean served in the Navy and has a wife Andrea. They have three boys Jacob, Wyatt, and Liam and a little girl Piper Anne. Sean also has a son Connor from a previous marriage.

Danville Commercial News

Danville Diary by Dale Foster December 1970

**Christmas Spirit** is a sort of atmosphere that gives special meaning to acts of kindness. The season itself creates situations that make such gestures more obvious. Indeed, it is not so much that an individual reacts differently to the same situation at any other time of year but the calendar often creates the circumstances.

Such was the case with the story told by the soldier son of a Danville area family. The hero of this account has not been identified but he sounds like a man it would be nice to know.

The soldier is PFC Jerry Hoskins whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hoskins of Collison. He was en route home on Christmas leave from Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in California where he had been on special assignment from Ft. Ord. A field support specialist, he had been detailed to drive vehicles carrying high ranking officers and other VIPs.

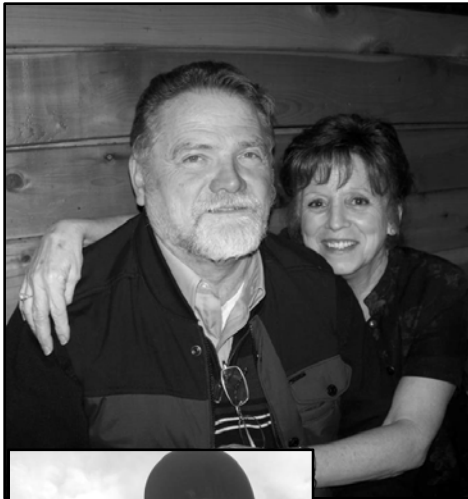
In Chicago, he was transferred from one aircraft accommodation to another on an Allegheny Lines bus driven by a man who had attended school in Henning and knew many of the Hoskins' acquaintances. Another man on the same bus joined in the conversation which continued between him and the soldier on the flight to Danville.

When the plane landed at Vermilion County Airport, the man asked Hoskins where he was going. Although Hoskins' home was about 20 miles out of the man's way, he insisted upon giving the GI a ride in the car he had parked at the terminal.

During the trip home, he mentioned that he had been in the military service. Once when he was en route home on a surprise leave, an Indiana man had picked him up and driven him all the way home. He said he "never forgot that" and was always anxious to return the favor.

Hoskins did not learn the man's name. He remembers his benefactor was driving a Mercedes-Benz automobile and living near a grocery store.

Hoskins a 1969 graduate of Potomac High School has been in the Army since being drafted a year ago in September. After his leave he will report to a processing center for shipment to Germany in spite of having only eight months to serve after he gets there.



Jerry Age ?



Jerry 1966



Above Left: Jerry Hoskins and Wife Joey

Left: Conner Dean Willison

Below Jerry's modified PT Cruiser, Dakota 4X4 Frame, with a 1998 V8 from a Dodge Durango.



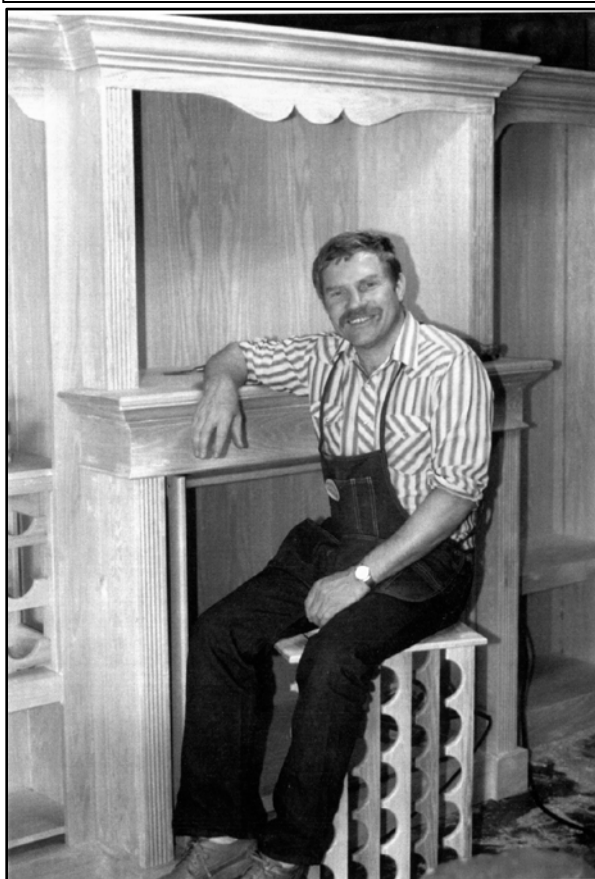
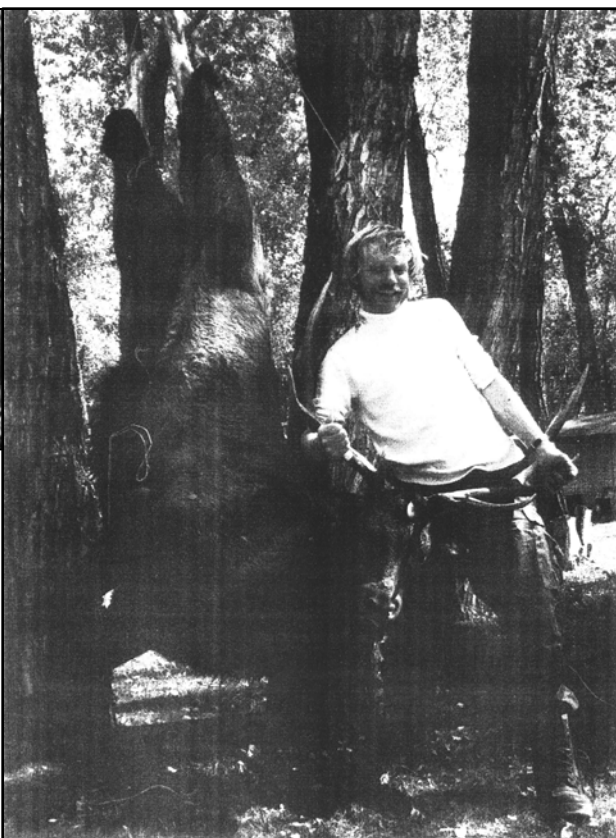
Left to right: Wyatt, Liam, Sean and Jacob, with Andrea in the back.



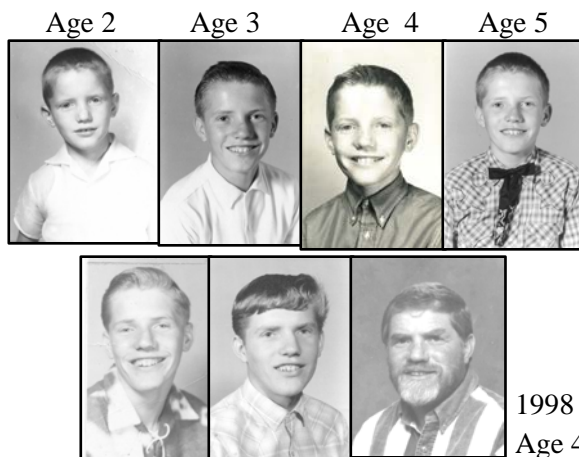
**John Steven Hoskins** (Steve) lives in Gunnison Colorado. Steve has always loved the outdoors. He has loved to snow ski, fish and hunt and enjoys his horses. Steve has had a talent for working with wood and has been involved with construction and building homes. He has also done some nice cabinet work. Steve was married for a period of time but after his divorce he has chosen to live the life of a bachelor. Steve has an awesome laugh that everyone remembers. Steve is especially talented with horses and has even studied the talent of horse whispering.



Above and Right: Steve on Hunting trip. Got an Elk with a Muzzle Loader



Left: Steve with some of his Wood Work Projects. Below: Steve at different ages.





**James Charles Hoskins** As I have mentioned I have one older sister and two older brothers. I recall a few of the memories of growing up in the sixties we used to have a big juke box in our basement when we lived in town. I remember hearing "Wake up Little Suzie". Mostly because my sister's name is Sue. My brothers had a train set in the basement it was pretty neat how they had it all set up.

I remember seeing T.V. one day and everyone was watching a coffin being carried with a flag over it. Everyone was sad that President Kennedy had been shot.

I remember Dad coming home from the base (Chanute Air Force Base) and he used to bring things home, like little wind up cars, and once he brought home a little rabbit to us.

Even though I was only about 6 when we moved I still remember that house in town pretty vividly. My brothers had rooms in the upstairs and the ceiling was vaulted in almost like an attic area. The basement was an adventure from the room where the coal was stored to the room where we played on the old barber chair that pumped up and down and spun round and round. My sister told me there was an artesian well in the basement and she remembers putting a long pole down in it and never could find the bottom.

I went to first grade in town. The old grade school had a bell that we got to take turns and pull the rope to ring the bell. I remember if you held onto the rope it would pull you up in the air. The summer I was suppose to get into the second grade we moved to the farm. That was the same year we got a new grade school.

I have a lot of good memories of the farm. We used to pick wild raspberries, and Blackberries. I used to love and go swimming in the river in the summer. Sue had grown and married. Jerry was soon to leave to the Army and serve in Germany. Steve was my older brother who was home the most. Steve loved horses; we had 10 at one time. The numbers varied with the trading of what my dad was wanting at the time. Jerry used to bring home a different car every weekend and work on it. Then he would turn around and sell it or trade it off.

School was fun. I played trumpet in the band for a few years. I didn't date much until my junior year in high School. I had a High School sweetheart who I almost married, but I joined the Marines. After a year in the Marines I decided I wasn't ready to settle down. My four years in the service took me too: San Diego, Ca., Meridian, Mississippi, Yuma Arizona, Iwakuni, Japan, The Philippines, Korea, and back to California to El Toro (Santa Ana). I was in Aviation Supply and when I got out I was an E-5 (Sergeant).

California was nice and I liked the weather. I was planning to go north and live with my brother Jerry in Northern California, but my



Jim (James C.) Hoskins Age 4



In Back: Jerry, Sue, and Aunt Penny  
In Front: Baby Jim, Steve, & Cindy Hoskins

parents wanted me to come home to Illinois. I tried it for a while but no jobs, and mosquitoes, and humidity, chased me back to California. I bought a little Vega Car and took off for California. It got 20 miles to the gallon and consumed 3 cases of oil to get to Nebraska where it finally broke down. I sold it and took a bus to California.

I worked with my brother Jerry for Norm Carter Electric for a few months as an electrician. I got an offer in the cable T.V. business and took it. It eventually brought me to St. George, Utah. Being alone I sought out where everyone went and in Mormon territory, everyone went to church. I had always tried churches in the past but none of them seemed to have what the Mormons had. Most of the Churches dwelled on do right or else. The LDS Church was different. They believe that families are forever. They dwelled on the more positive aspects of things. I had always wanted to be baptized but never felt right about it. But was this the Church I should be part of? I pondered the question. Then I was told, if you really want the answer, pray for it. I did!

One day I was taking pictures of my new truck. The Temple in St. George seemed to make a great background for my picture. I finished what I was doing then I got into my truck and started to leave. Something told me however to go back to the visitors center. This something was strong and I felt strongly that I should do this, so I did.

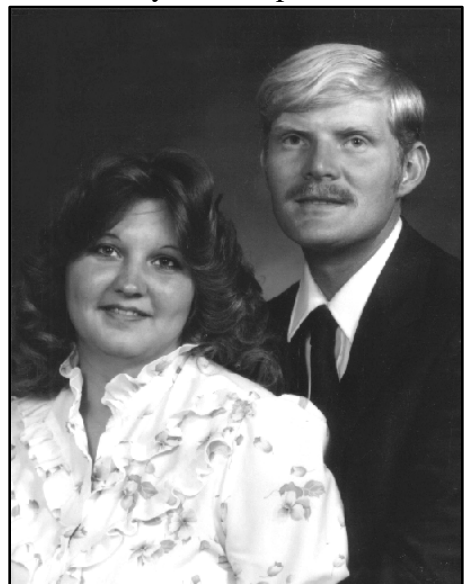
I went through the Center, which told about the Church, and its plan of salvation. When I left the center that day I have never known more sure than that moment that I needed to be baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I got on the phone and called a friend of mine and told him I was ready to be baptized.

A few months down the line I decided to help my boss work on his house. I would go over on occasion and help him drywall. This is where I met my future wife Raelynn. Raelynn was in the middle of a divorce and had two little girls Tracie and Amy. After a few dates we knew we were meant for each other. We had to wait a little time before we could be married in the Temple because I had to be in the Church at least a year. We married in the St. George Temple on 3 Sep 1983 and were sealed for Time and All Eternity. We drove to Illinois for our honeymoon with our two girls. (Tracie Hoskins b 1979 and Amy Hoskins b 1981)

Troy came a year later. 1984

We had a couple of miss carriages and lost a little girl Amanda from a birth defect after only 8 days old. We were blessed to bring home our son Alex from the hospital right after he was born in 1992. His biological mother is Raelynn's sister Kathy. We adopted Alex. I believe he was ours all along but had to come to us through a little different route. The longer I have been married the more I realize how love grows with each day. We have had many pets from Ponies and horses to Turkeys and Chickens. We built our house pretty much on our own and learned a lot along the way. We watched the kids grow and do the things kids do like fight with each other watch TV and grow. The kids are growing and some are married providing us with a new generation and Grandchildren. They are all so fun and full of energy and life, waiting for their own adventures.



In 1992 I helped start a Wireless Cable TV Business (American Wireless, Inc.) that later turned into an Internet/Data business that I am the VP and GM of.

We have helped our kids as they built their own homes and watch as they go through the struggles of parenthood.

I miss the Midwestern springs and the memories of growing up at the end of an old gravel road. But my memories of those days will always be with me. I miss the fun I had as a young man and the fun my cousins and I used to have. The days of tree house fun, comic books, tadpole catching and hay mount forts. Those days are behind me now as I watch my grandkids grow and wish I had half their energy.

Our family has enjoyed going camping, swimming, traveling, and other activities. I like to study genealogy, which is very time consuming and it takes patience that I don't always have. But it has brought me closer to my ancestors and the history of the United States.

History seems to come alive when you have a connection to someone who helped to forge this great country. My oldest daughter Tracie married Kyle Bourgoïn and has 2 kids Mkinlee and Parker. Amy has 4 kids Brian, Chelsea, Shaelynn and Bradley. Troy married Diedre Ann Littlefield and they have 2 boys Michael and Logan. Troy has his Associates degree and is working to become a teacher. Alex our youngest is 20 and is still trying to get a foot hold of what life is all about.



Top Left: Jim, Alex, Troy, Tracie, RaeLynn and Amy.

Top Right: Chelsea, Amy, Brian, Shaelynn, and Bradley.

Bottom Left: Mkinlee, Kyle, Tracie, & Parker.

Bottom Right: Logan, Didi, Troy with Michael in front.



**Nick Names of Our Clan**  
By Uncle Pete (Harry H Hoskins)

1. John Truman Hoskins      Dad called him “Jack” for many years Not sure why. Middle Name Truman after his Grandpa Truman L. Hoskins “Jack is a traditional nickname for John.”
2. Harry Harvey Hoskins      Nicknamed myself of Peeto or Pete (By liking Potatoes, Still Do)
3. Richard Lee Hoskins      Nickname “Dick” From Dick Simington (or Symington) from over in Indiana. Lived on Old Rte 63. Across the road from Hanging Rock State Park. Old friends of the Hoskins Clan back then. “Dick is a traditional nickname for Richard.”
4. Gordon Robert Hoskins      Better known as “Bill” named after Bill Kelley, Good friends of mom and dad.
5. Eva Waunetta Hoskins Flack      “Sis” Named after mom and mom’s school mate Waunetta Griffin.
6. Adam Everette Hoskins      Named after a school mate Adam Auth, up North of Blue Grass. Nicknamed for a while as Wiggles by dad.
7. Albert Leroy Hoskins      Was Nicknamed “Abe” by dad, not sure how or why.
8. Lester Dale Hoskins      Was Nicknamed “Les” for shortened term of Lester. He was named after one of dad’s uncles over around Pence, Ind.
9. Harold Eugene Hoskins      No Nickname I remember. Was named after Harold Marley “Farm” Hoskins, dad’s Cousin’s son. “Farm and Kate”
10. Esther Virginia Hoskins Adams      Was Nicknamed “Penny” by dad. Shortly after she learned to talk she was always asking for a Penny whenever dad came home from work, he’d somehow contrive to put a penny or so in his lunch box for her. Also her hair was a coppery color too. She was named after moms best friend Esther Mcglauphlin and mom’s middle name.



## Harry Harvey Hoskins

By Himself 2012

Harry H. (for Harvey) Hoskins nicknamed “Pete”-“Peeto” and “Runt”  
By Bro. John.

I was born in the old John May Home in Potomac – June of 1930 at 6:15 am (on Birth Certificate) and was named after my Dad Harry W. Hoskins and Mom’s favorite Uncle “Harvey Brooks”, John May’s Wife’s brother. She was Ida Mae Brooks so that made her Ida Mae May.



I came by my nickname by liking Potatoes and my mom having been a school teacher before her and dad married, I think she had tried to get me to say Potatoes right at the time I was learning to talk, (my theory) and my version of Potatoes came out “Peetos” of which I went by from family and friends most all of my life. Still do!

I can remember living out north of old Potomac at the cross roads of Blue Grass also that’s where Brother Richard and I got our “trying to smoke” Cure-All. We somehow set some straw, cow bedding, on fire – pretending to smoke. I ran into the house and got a dipper of water to put the fire out. So when I came back fire was coming out of the small “Barn Shed” and UH-OH, we, Dick and I took off down toward the cross roads to hide in some tall dry grass along the fence row. Ed Butz, John’s school teacher, happened to be looking out of the west side windows of that old school house and saw us hiding and wondered why, then he must have noticed the smoke. So he ran over and woke mom up she had put Sis to bed for her afternoon nap, (Newborn) and let her know where we were (Bro Bill was nappin too). By that time that Barn Shed was almost all gone. Anyway when Pappy came home a couple of hours later, he heard mom’s version of our escapade. He went back out and got into his old car and went to Potomac, bought 2-(6-box) cartons of wood matches and came home and made Dick and I light each and every match and blow it out before it burnt itself out. Boy those sulfur fumes have stuck with me some 76 or so years, so to heck with smoking forever.



Baby Harry “Pete” with  
older Brother John

We then moved down to the old Doug Alexander, 80 acre farm west of where Brother Bill lives now and that’s where Dick and I started to school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and John was about 3 grades ahead of us. We’d either walk that mile and ½ (or so) or ride Dad’s horses, Pet and Beauty, two little ex-race horse mares, to school. We’d either tie them up in the school yard to ride home, if dad didn’t need them at home for farm work, or we’d tie Pet to Beauty’s saddle horn and Beauty’s reins up on the horn too. She’d go home, go home the other way around, Pet would be liable to roam off in any direction but home.

That’s about where I got my one and only spanking by a school teacher. One afternoon just a few minutes before 4 o’clock, Dad went



by the school house on an old 1927-28 steel wheeled farm tractor. So when school let out John and Dick ran out and jumped into the buggy. Going off without me. I gave brother John a good cussin, and Miss Swisher, our school teacher, nailed be by the coat collar and took me inside, spanked my old butt good and made me sit for one more hour. John and Dick had to wait too, being that they had run off without me. Any way she was a great teacher. – And quite some years later brother Bill and his family lived in that same building made into a house and it still is in use as a house, that's the old Hawbuck School! Brother Bill now lives and owns the old Homer Davis home site later on the Coy Bennetts lived there for a long time. One of my class mates Joyce Bennett lived there also of course. I believe we moved into Grandpa May's house in Potomac for a year and a half then down

on to the 3 acres west of Jamesburg, back to Potomac, we did live south of Potomac going toward Collison – just across the river from the Park” up on the hill. That may have been before going to blue grass. Anyway I recall Uncle Fred, celebrating a wee too much, they were at our place and stayed overnight, Uncle Fred had a maybe ½ pint of happy juice, and lying on his back looking up at his wee nip bottle, it slipped out of his hand and fell and broke off a small corner of one of his front teeth. .

After the 3 acres, or Grandpa May's house, dad bought the 40 acres just across the road and down around the bend, End of the road actually from that 3 acres. There was a while that we'd cross the river “Seltzer ford” and go up that dirt track of a road that is part of John's farm, across the river from the old 40 acres. This was back in the late 1940's. I can remember driving dad's old Model-A, Barn Red one, then a black one, down there and when I graduated in 1948, I got a job in Danville at the Grab-It-Here Store number “48” of all things, out on East Main Street. Then, bought myself a 34 Town coupe 2 door Chevy car Black Beauty, my 1<sup>st</sup>. I went through that one, then a 38 Chevy 2 door Sedan. Two, 50 Chevys, 4 door green one, ended up giving it to dad and mom because they needed a 4 door car and then bought another 50 Chevy, white, 2 door, which I had for quite awhile.

I worked with dad and grandpa May doing some carpenter work. Worked at the Barkman and Jones, John Deere dealership as a set up and delivery man. Also, part time as a mechanic etc. Worked awhile as a farm hand helping Francis Blaze put in 14 acres of Hoopeston, IL. Canning tomatoes. Ended up no pay cash-wise, but did get a 37 Model-B – John Deere tractor and some equipment, plus a couple of pigs and a hog house, also a nice Buckskin Quarter horse



with a saddle and so forth, let dad use them down on the old 40 acres. Then I started to work for Fred and Claude Duncan “Duncan Brothers” International Harvester, Co. for a few months as a Parts Manager then Jack Prillaman bought them out, and I stayed on there for about 4 years. During that time I married Carol Darlene Golden whose folks were farm hands for Ross Bowers down just south of Jamesburg and Carol was my square dance partner before, during, and after we got married, in Dec of 1954.



Carol, Gale and Debbie

Oh yes, I tried to get Square Dancing started in the old skating rink in Potomac Park – 1951 or 52 somewhere around that time, didn’t get off to a very good start, but later we really had some good old times out there. Learned to skate pretty fair, and liked dancing, took a few lessons, 10 or so, and been all over this old U.S. of A., dancing since, and still am.

Carol and I divorced in or about 1971. We were married about 15 and ½ years, had 5 children; Debra Jean – Jan 1956, Gale Lynn- Jan 1958, & Dennis Alan- 8 May 1960 he died the same day. He lived about 4 hours and 38 min. He is buried between my Mom and Grandma Hoskins. Dad had bought 2 or 3 grave lots when Grandma passed away. I’m not sure if it was aunt Hulda or Aunt Alberta said; “Oh good, this way Uncle Fred Brown could be buried beside Grammas’.” Whoa Horse! Dad went back to the cemetery manager and had Granddad and Grandma’s 3 lots made into two lots. Granddads is on the North side Grammas South side. Then that other 3 grave lots was Mom and Dad’s. So when mine and Carol’s 1<sup>st</sup> son Dennis was born and died mom said, “she wanted him, between her and Grandma so whenever he was needing tending to, she and Grandma would do it. *Her exact words.* Then along came Timothy Owen in June of 1962 and Peter Daniel Dec of 1964.

I have been a member of Boy Scouts back in 1942-43-1944. Was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #169 Florence, Co. 1995. Vice Pres. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1995 till May 30<sup>th</sup> 1996. President June 1<sup>st</sup> 1996 till May 30<sup>th</sup> 1997, then was Jr. past President thereafter with the status of Grand Aerie member since. Then came to Sullivan, Ind. And started



Harry, Danny, Tim, Gale Debbie and Carol



the F.O.E. #4470, Aerie here, was president or 2 years, and past president ever since. Also I am a member of the Sullivan Lions Club, because my wife Leona and I like to Dance together, plus the camaraderie of all our friends and members of those two clubs.

Besides Leona is a Moose Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary member here in Sullivan. We do get around and enjoy our life style.

Harry H. "Peeto" and Lenora Hoskins.

We definitely enjoy our kids and Grand kids and Great Grand Kids.

Notes by Jim Hoskins: After Harry's divorce from Carol he was married for a short time to Irene Jones and later divorced.

On 13 Oct 2001 he married Leona Southuwood. They now live in Sullivan, Indiana.



Al May's House Potomac, Il. Left to Right: Eva Hoskins, Alice May, Gary May, Carol Hoskins and Al May.



In Back Debbie and Gale, Middle Carol, Tim and Harry (Pete), Baby Dannv. 1965



Harry H Hoskins, Eva M. Hoskins, Debbie Hoskins, & Harry W. Hoskins



Carol Golden Hoskins Passed Away 11 Aug 1994



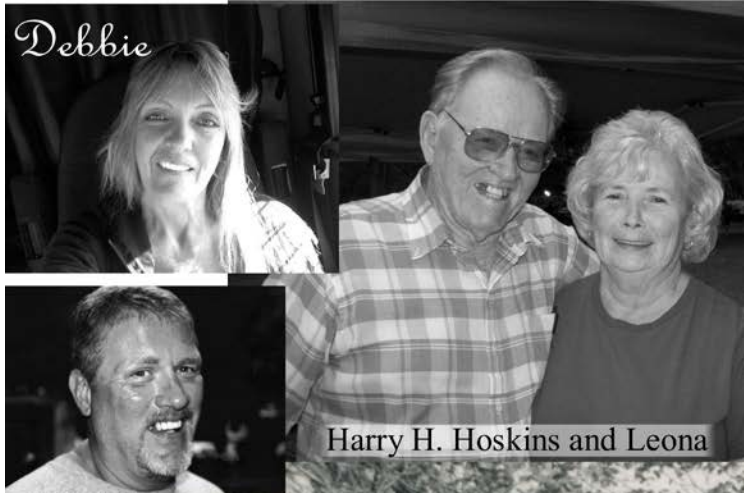




Kathy, Sheree, Angie, with their mother Leona ---- Harry with sons Danny and Tim



Gale and Daniel



Harry H. Hoskins and Leona



Big Tim



Tim, Gale, and Daniel

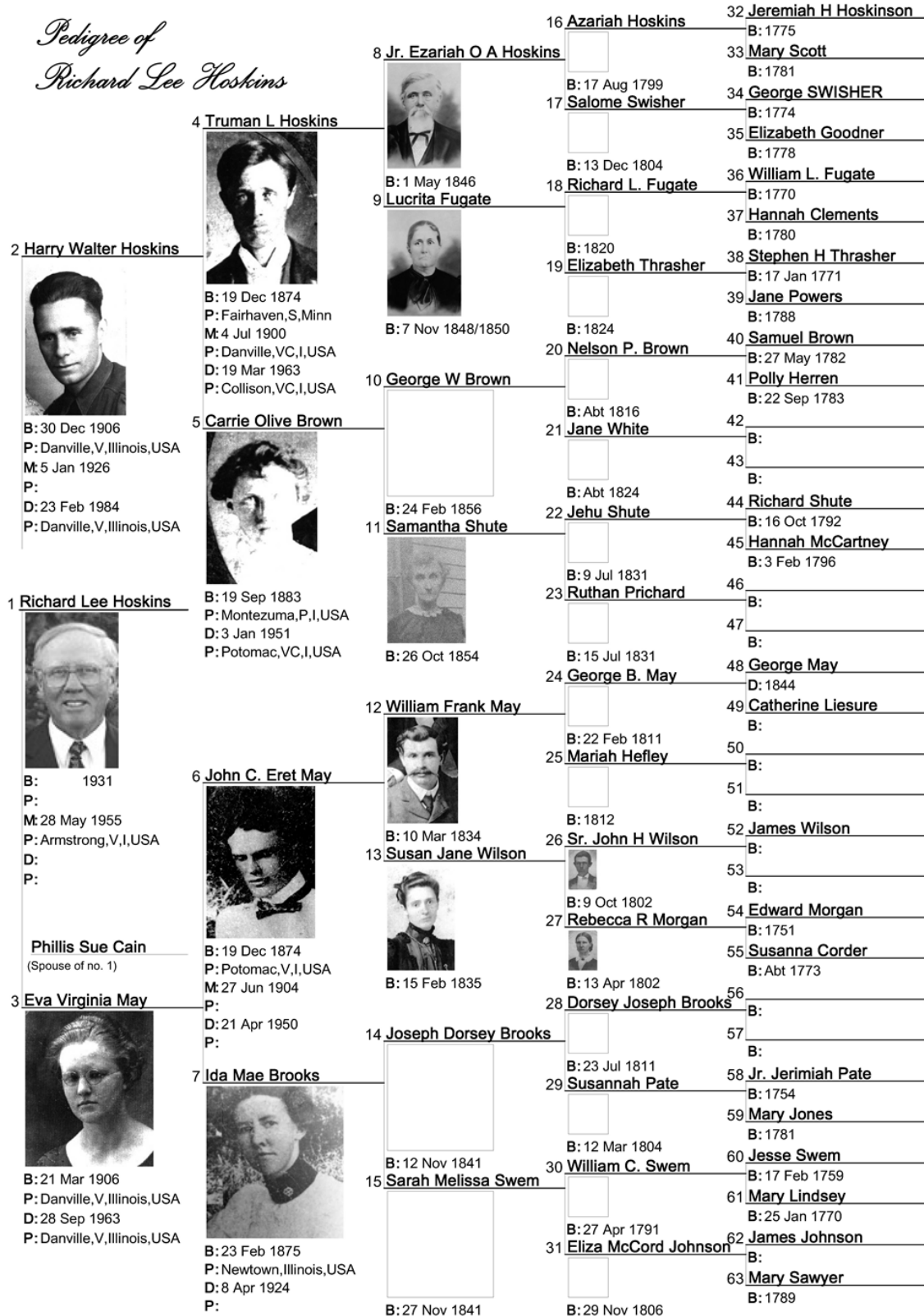


Kenneth & Gale



Gale's Husband Kenneth, her daughter Kerra, and Gale

*Pedigree of  
Richard Lee Hoskins*



## Richard Lee Hoskins

By himself (Dated February 2012)

These are some of the things I can recall about my life. I was the third child born to Harry and Eva (May) Hoskins. I was born July of 1931, a mile east of Potomac which was then known as the Goodwine Park.



Next I recall living about 4 miles northwest of Potomac which some call Bluegrass. I can barely remember Harry (Pete) and I playing with matches. We just happened to burn down Dad's barn which was where he kept his farm stuff such as the harness etc. As Dad was very strict, I just knew we were dead, but Dad sat us down on the kitchen floor and handed us each (Harry and I) a box of farmer's matches with instructions to light one match at a time and then blow it out. As a small kid, I figured this was going to be easy. Boy, let me tell you, before long I was so sick I couldn't sit up from all the sulfur smell from the matches. So from that time on, I didn't much care for matches.

Then I recall we moved to Hawbuck where, during my first year of school, we had to walk 2 miles to school. Boy, what a drag that was! Then we lived on a three acre plot of ground and lived in a shack that Dad built. It was a 12 by 24 foot shack with a dirt floor. Then we moved to town (Potomac) during WWII, then back down to Hawbuck on forty acres where we subsisted a lot by living off the land and the river (squirrels, rabbits, geese, fish, etc). I think that, in actuality, we were so poor that we really didn't know it. There were a lot of good times on the old forty acre home place.

Harry and I, being only a year apart in age, were working for WPA (Works Progress Administration) with Dad and, boy was that ever hard work, pouring cement, etc. On the way to work in July of 1948 (my 17<sup>th</sup> birthday), driving the old Model A Ford, we were talking about John being in the



Richard (Dick) when  
he was a young boy

Navy. Harry and I decided to go back to Danville and go to the courthouse and enlist in the Navy. We waited and waited for the Navy recruiter to come, which he never did, and Harry started talking to the Marine recruiter. So Harry decided to join the Marines, and I said, "Not me. I came down here to join the Navy." Then Dad said, "I'm not going to sign for you, Dick, unless you guys go together." Boy was I mad! But I signed the Marine papers. A few days later, we took our physical at Indianapolis and, lo and behold, Harry didn't pass his physical. Boy, what a long and dismal old train trip down to boot camp in South Carolina! But I survived four years in the service and I guess I got to see a lot of this old world.

I was in the Marine Corps for four years – made 4 stripes and came out as a Staff Sergeant. Not too bad for an ole hillbilly from the hills of Hawbuck! Then after my discharge, I started working a couple of months later at Chanute Air Force Base and stayed there until I retired 34 years later.



After working at Chanute for about a year, a little brown-eyed Susie gal (Phyllis Sue Cain from Armstrong) got hold of me and so far we have managed to hang in there for the past 58 years. Phyllis and I were married on May 28, 1955, in Armstrong. She started working at Chanute two days after we were married. She retired after 28 years of federal service.

We've raised four great kids. Cindy was born in 1958 and married Rich Rademacher in 1983. They have three sons, Justin (wife: Whitney), Jordan, and Austin. Cindy retired in 2002 from working for Social Security. Cindy, Rich, and the boys farm and raise cattle near Penfield, Illinois. Tony was born in 1959. He was only on this earth for 20 years but he sure made an impression while he was here. He had lots of friends and loved his family – including his many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He died in a car accident in 1980. Shelley was born in 1964 (on Granddad Harry's birthday) and works for Social Security. She has over 25 years of federal service and lives in Potomac. Darren was born in 1965. He married Kristi Young in 2004. They have a daughter, Shelby, and a son, Sterling. They live in Cissna Park, Illinois. Darren works for Safety-Kleen in Urbana.

Phyllis and I have lived in Potomac throughout our 56 years of marriage. Before we got married, I built a small home on Lane Street for us. We then built a home on the east side of town in 1962. We lived there until we built a new home on Maple Street in 1969. We had purchased 17 acres just north of town and built a home there in 1986 where we lived until 2010. That's when we sold that home and moved in with Shelley. Darren and I had built Shelley's house in 1997 for Darren. He sold it to Shelley in 2004 when he got married. We built an addition on to her house so there's plenty of room for all of us.

My hobbies over the years have included fishing, stock car racing, travelling, camping, and following my kids' and grandkids' ball games. Our stock car racing years were spent largely with Wilbur Spain. He and I started with two rails on his garage floor and built a modified stock car. During the 1950's, 60's and 70's, we raced as many as five nights a week sometimes. We have a lot of good memories of those years with Wilbur and his family. Phyllis and I spent about 20 winters in Florida and Louisiana fishing and just enjoying our retirement. We've gotten too old for camping now, so we have to just take an occasional trip down there.

We are active members of the Potomac Church of the Nazarene and the Potomac American Legion.

It has been a good 80 years for me – some of which is because of all my brothers and sisters and the great family they are.

I thank the Lord for the full and wonderful life I have lived.





Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoskins

## Hoskins' Home In Potomac

Armstrong (Staff)  
At home in Potomac are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoskins, who were married May 28 in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cain. Mr. Hoskins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoskins of Potomac.  
Vows were read by the Rev. James Remley, Collison, and Mr. Remley played bridal aires.  
Attending the couple were Mr. Sandra Cain, sister of the bride and Adam Hoskins, brother of the bridegroom.  
The bride wore a street length dress of blue nylon with matching lace hat and an orchid corsage.

The new Mrs. Hoskins is a graduate of Armstrong High School and is employed as clerk-stenographer at Chanute A. F. B. The bridegroom is employed at Chanute AFB in the hydraulic department of Aircraft maintenance after serving three years in the Marines.

## Engage



**RICHARD LEE RADEMACHER  
CYNTHIA SUE HOSKINS**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoskins of Potomac, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Sue to Richard Lee Rademacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rademacher of Penfield, Ill. The couple plan a Dec. 11 wedding.

### MR. AND MRS. RICHARD L. HOSKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hoskins of Potomac, Ill., will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary during an outdoor reception from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mimms Jr. of Potomac.  
The event will be sponsored by their children.

Hoskins and Phyllis Sue Cain were married May 28, 1955.  
They are both employed at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Ill.  
They have three children: Mrs. Richard (Cynthia) Rademacher of Penfield, Ill., Shelley Hoskins and Darren Hoskins, both of Potomac.



Above Back Row: Tony, Richard, Phyllis. Front: Darren, Shelley, Cindy. (70's)  
Below: Cindy, Shelley, Darren 2009



Picture Right Cousins:  
Jim, Tony,  
and Kim.  
Abt 1976 off to Prom

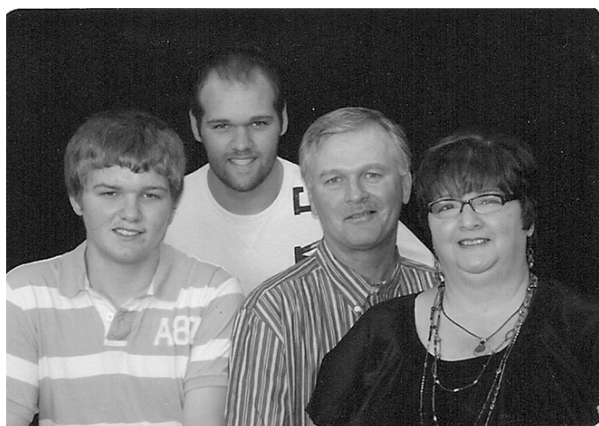






Above: Richard and Phyllis Hoskins

Below: Austin Rademacher, Jordan Rademacher, Richard Rademacher, & Cindy (Hoskins) Rademacher.

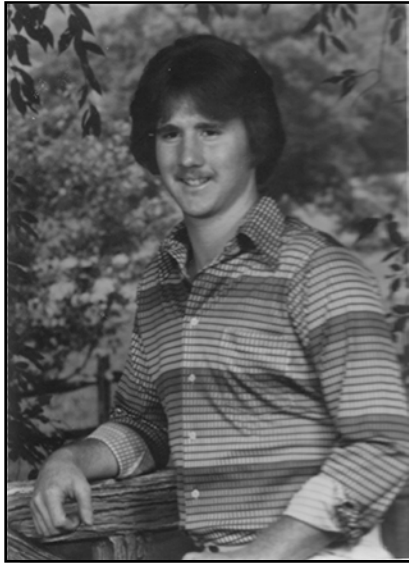


*Storing the harvest*

Newly harvested soybeans make their way up a conveyor into a bin under the watchful eye of Richard Hoskins of Potomac, Ill. Hoskins is helping Marion Chestnut of Rossville, Ill., Route 1, harvesting 800 acres. (C-N photo by Chuck Cannady)



I take the same happy discovery this family made — that modern electric heating can be installed in almost any home, regardless of size, style, or age. Installation is uncomplicated, often completed in one day. Choose from five different types of electric heat, including the electric furnace. The special, low CIPS heating rate is another attractive advantage. Call any CIPS office and make an appointment, at your convenience, with one of our heating specialists. He can tell you if you qualify for special CIPS cash allowances of up to \$300.

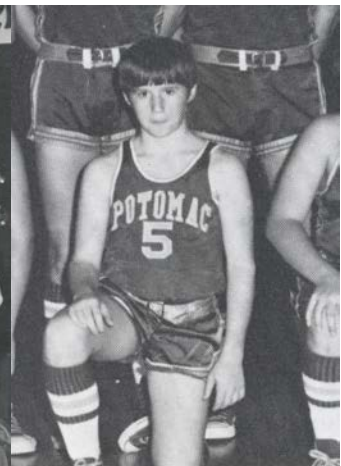


*Jim Hoskins writes...* My Cousin Tony was born in Oct of 1959. Tony was involved with many school activities. He loved sports and was active with baseball, basketball golf, cross country, and more. He was involved in his school's chorus, musicals and plays. Tony lived his life full of energy and enthusiasm. I was always envious of his ability to jump right in to things like plays and chorus as I always felt uncomfortable being in front of people like that. Tony was a year younger than me and our dad's did a lot of fishing together so Tony and I got the chance to hang out together a lot when we were young. We played together and sometimes quarreled as though we were brothers. We lost contact a bit after High School when I left Illinois. Tony got a job working at Kraft foods. In May of 1980 on his way home from work

Tony was involved in a single car accident and did not survive. His short time on earth will always be remembered by those who loved him and had the privilege of knowing him. His parents placed in the paper... Gone is the face we loved so dear. Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away from sight or speech. But not too far for our thought to reach.



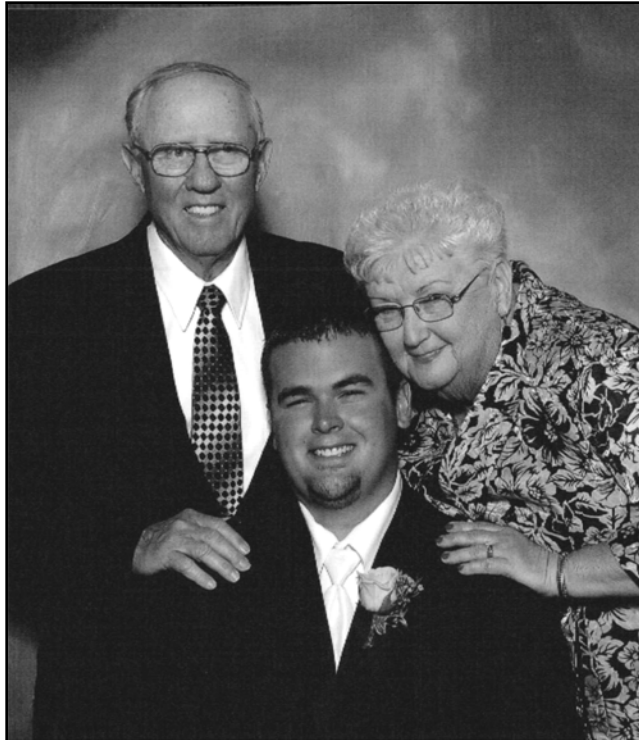
I'm just gonna fish and fish and fish.



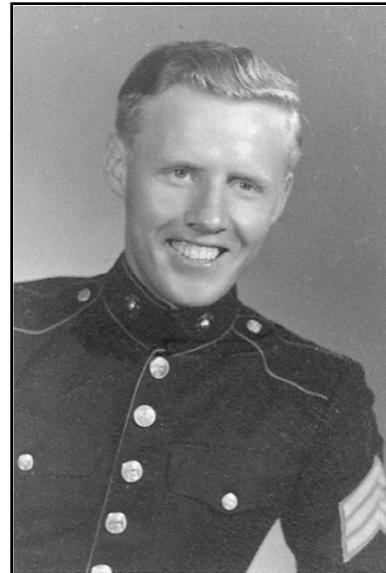
Above Left to Right:  
Plays, Musicals, Basketball  
Lower Left: Tony when he  
was younger.  
Right: Cross Country and  
Golf.







Richard Hoskins & Phyllis with  
Grandson Justin



### Cpl. R. L. Hoskins Receives Transfer

Cpl. R. L. Hoskins has written home that he received a transfer to a new squadron, at the same base. His new address is:

Cpl. R. L. Hoskins, MAG 11  
VMF 115 - USMCAS

Cherry Point, No. Carolina

This is almost directly south of Norfolk, Va., the big Navy base near Washington, D. C. — about 200 miles.

He is now captain of a plane crew, on the latest Navy jet plane, the "FQF Panther." A plane captain is in charge of the crew who preflight and refuel these "Panthers." Hoskins spent the past weekend with two buddies in New York City, visiting one boy's sister, who is a singer. They attended a performance at one convention—going backstage in the theatre. Later they attended a couple of nightclubs; also, they saw the Queen Mary and the Statue of Liberty. They didn't get to take in the Empire State building, which they had planned to do. However, they did inspect the subways, getting around. Dick says, "We saw some things up there we never expected to, real interesting and well worth the trip."



Richard L. Hoskins USMC





Justin & Whitney Rademacher

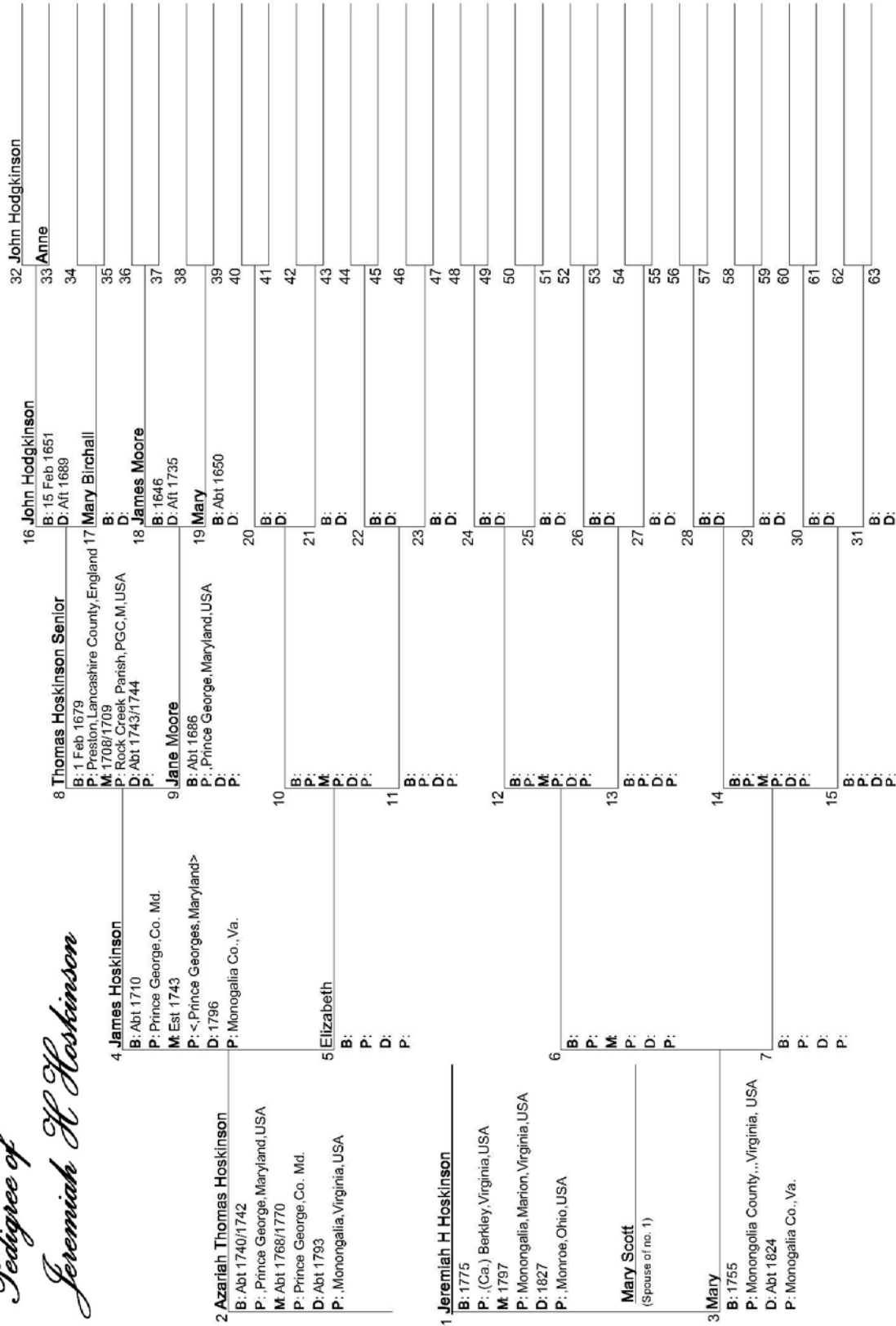


Darren and his wife Kristi



In Back: Jordan Rademacher, Richard Rademacher, Austin Rademacher, Cindy (Hoskins) Rademacher, Justin Rademacher, Shelley Hoskins, Sterling, Shelby, Darren Hoskins, Kristi Hoskins.

*Pedigree of  
Jeremiah H Hoskinson*



## Gordon Robert Hoskins (Bill)

Written by Himself Jan 2012

Well it was not as I was a Daniel Boone. But I was a person looking over the hill, always looking over the next hill. I must say it was a very unusual way of life. At all cost looken over the next hill. I was also raised you might say as a tag along of 4 older brothers. When you would see my older brother's of three, sooner or later I would show up. These were of days you might say before the Big War of Two. When the war broke out, it changed all of our ways of Hills and Poverty. We had to move in to Potomac in Grandpa May's house as he had a cabin near Blue Grass Creek. I was 8 years old when the war broke out. Which for an 8 year old too young to know what Japanese was, or far as that goes even knew what World Wars were. But the next 4 or 5 years I learnt. Oh how I learnt.



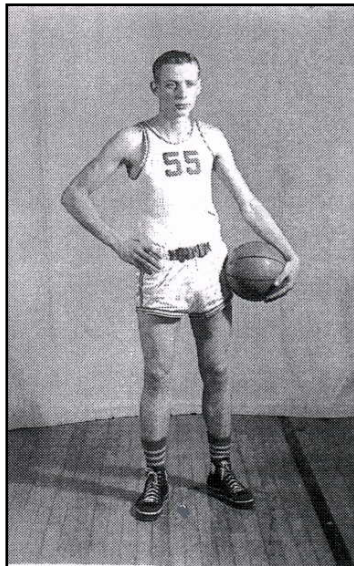
I yet to this day can't get over what the Japanese did & why & how come. Even if it was all laid out in front of me I still would not except it. There was no excuse of what they did. Face to face in a war maybe but to sneak up on thousands on Sunday morning and not even no warning & cut down on the Pacific Fleet in the Harbor. (No) Yet to this day I haven't got over it, and never will. Even though I was in Japan, 10 years later during the Korean run. I couldn't get over it and while in Japan I only spoke to the old and very young. If I seen a Jap my age in a uniform, or even looked like he was of the war, my buddies had to hold me back. It was unreal what they did. There was no excuse for what they did. I have no feelings for Japs or Koreans.

As I can remember at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades of school was of Tiloston about a one and half mile due west of Jamesburg and a ½ mile east of 3 acres of country. A 12x12 tar paper shack & setting in the woods of a old home made stove & bunks, 3 or 4 high, at the end of a old muddy road, dirt floor, one or two small windows an no electricity with in miles. Consumable water from an old Artesian well was carried in buckets for cookin and drinkin, bath water was of the old rain barrel only on Saturday in the winter time. Summer time was the best of all. Was a winding river of no end a pass around a bar of soap and one feed sack towel that mom made. We four brothers John, Harry, Richard and I, would do our chores of fire wood, (of needed year



around for evening warmth and cookin), milken and feed a hog, couple of horses and chickens. Soon as we could & OKed by mom off to the river to toss in Bush Lines to catch fish & head toward our island & homemade rafts & lean-to made of drift wood. The summer days of around 10 in the morning till 2 or 3 in the afternoon was our time to do as boys of the summer would do in those years of late 1930's. We would swim play on rafts & swing from tree to tree. Almost as Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and Tarzan. Which at those years and times we heard nothing of them only Saturday eve free movies in our home town, which was 7 miles from where we lived on old dusty or muddy roads. Packed by horses or old Model T's or Model A's. Headlights showed no more distance than needed which was very little. Late at night after the Movie all young would be asleep packed in the back seat of the car. The older boys, Dad and Mom would keep a sharp eye on the road ahead as the old Model T would Chug-a-lug along down the

road to the old shack in the woods. The next day was back to the river of past times to lay on an old sand bar or in our drift-wood shaded shack. To lay on a warm sand bar & your feet in cool water, stare up at the sky of blue & clouds of moving on. There were birds of song and warm winds of South. What more could a young lad of poor need. We were really rich of God made happenings and didn't know any other way. At Mid-Afternoon you could hear mom hollering at us to come home. As chores needed to be done before darkness fell upon our land of freedom. Our tummy of need of food of country's products of wild berries or soup beans, or fish of the river. We always were hungry and thirst of cold water from the old flowing Artesian Well. Still runs! Now and then I will drive down to the end of the road and look and see if the water still



Basketball Bill (Gordon) Hoskins

flows and as do memories of a young lad in a tar paper shack and 3 older brothers and Dad and Mother.

Then all Hell broke loose as of the early 40's WWII broke out and Dad near went to war and older brother. Everything changed; we were moved from the country to a small town's way. Every way of life as we were used to was no more. We grew up in a small town of ruled and run by way's we were not used to. Oh we would still slip off to the river and sand bar & wild grape vines to swing on. But was not the same, was not like it was in country's life as a young lad.

By the time the Big War was ended Food, Clothing, Auto's and things of need was rare. So it was like starting all over & we did just that. By this time my 3 older brothers had moved out into the big world. Some of the military, others of needed factories. To rebuild our life and I myself was a young teenager with 4 younger brothers and two sisters. The day to me that was one of the greatest was when Dad got 40 acres over nearby where we lived before. The war changed all. But a now bigger and better cabin, still no electricity or modern ways. But we still had the use of the Old Well. Same old free flowing year around Well of horse tank and 40 some degrees water. Hot or cold the water stayed the same and yet still does. So you see some things pretty well stay the same. Oh maybe someday the old pipes may give a way & the Old Well may quit flowing, but not in my mind & not in my time it will stay the same.

So as time went on I also grew up and another crisis broke out & I was of age to serve my country as my older brothers did. This venture of the next four years took me places of I only read in school. It was 1952 and I was in the U.S. Navy. Great Lakes Training (Boot Camp) took the country out of me to make me a Seaman of the big oceans far from our shores of the U.S.A. From boot camp I was sent to New Port, Rhode Island to Torpedo School. After school I went to Norfolk, Va. to go aboard a Destroyer the USS Waldron DD-699. The ship was "just" and made to do as it was called a destroyer of enemy ships and to protect our big ships. It was a fighting ship, it carried 3 twin 5" .38 guns it had 11 x 20 mm and 12 x 40 mm & 10 x 21 in torpedo tubes and 6 depth charge projectors and 2 x depth charge tracks. It was a fighting ship. It had a range of 12,000 km. *The ship had a complement of 336.* There was 3 sister ships same make. USS Ault, USS Healy & USS Weeks. If I remember it's been so long ago. Near 60 years has past. I was transferred in Yokosuka Japan to the USS Bryce Canyon AD36 but before I'm getting ahead of myself.



*The Waldron was named after a WWII Pilot: **John Charles Waldron** (August 24, 1900 – June 4, 1942) was a United States Navy aviator who led a squadron of torpedo bombers in World War II. He and most of his squadron perished in the Battle of Midway.*

When aboard the Waldron we left Norfolk, Va. and went to Charleston, S.C. for dry dock for a few weeks & then back to Norfolk, Va. & then to Cuba in and out of GITMO. (Guantanamo Bay Naval Base). This was before Castro had Cuba; we went to Port-au-Prince Haiti and Kingston Jamaica, then back to U.S.A. In and out of Norfolk operating



with the air plane carrier the USS Wasp. I do remember we went to Jacksonville, Florida. Back to Norfolk and loaded up with everything of need and headed south through the Caribbean through the Panama Canal to San Diego Calif., Pearl Harbor, Midway and to Yokosuka, Japan. Operations continued around Korea which by this time had cease fire. Let's see Okinawa, Philippines, Guam, Hong Kong 2 times, then in and out of ports in Japan, Kobe Osaka, Sasebo, and so on. Then I had duty with a sailor from the East Coast & I went aboard the Big Tender to repair destroyers The Tender was a huge ship compared to the DD's But was not a fishing ship. Its name was the USS Bryce Canyon AD36. It was assigned to the West Coast and home port was Long Beach, Calif. For dry docks in Frisco Bay then to Seattle, Washington for sea trials, then back to Long Beach and on to Japan and over again. While aboard the destroyer I spent many hours on the wheel of the Bridge Steering the Destroyer through a Hurricane and in



simulation of battle of war front. I was loader on guns 40 and 20 mm and 5" & General quarter station was Torpedoes, Depth charges and K Gun. So by this time I was becoming a short timer & got married. I got discharged from the Navy in 1956 in Long Beach and worked at North American in L.A. International airport. So soon as possible with a new baby boy, we named Gus; we headed to Potomac, Illinois & worked at General Motors in Danville. Stayed and worked in Danville. It was a cold winter which I hadn't been in cold weather in 5 years. I forgot how cold was cold till one morning in February the old car wouldn't even turn over, the coil oil heater quit. I said for 2 cents I'd go back to LA and Gus' mom tossed 2 cents on the table and 2 weeks later in 1957 we were back in the L.A. area small town of Gardena. As the kid's granddad was a Plumber in L.A. and there was a big demand for Plumbers. I took up the trade mostly relocation dwellings from where they wanted to

put up freeways. I also went to night school to learn more of the trade and in 2 years I got my LA Journeyman's license. This is the way I made a living for nearly 50 years as a plumber. I held 4 license one L.A. License, Colorado Certificate, Kansas and Illinois. I worked in other states Calif, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Indiana, and Kansas. In 1975 I sold my 80 acre farm in Kansas and moved to Illinois as my first wife and I were not getting along to good for near 7 years. So in 1976 we divorced after 20 years and five kids. I remarried about a year later and that didn't last more than 2 years.

♥♥♥♥ SHEELA WOOD ♥♥♥♥

## Woman trucker finds highway to happiness



JUANITA and Gordon Hoskins are just two people among thousands who have conquered loneliness thanks to GLOBE's Sheela Woods.

Juanita, of Deltona, Florida, says she had just about despaired of ever finding the man of her dreams. Then, she took a tip from a friend who found her own husband through Sheela's column.

"I was skeptical," Juanita, 41, admits. "If someone had told me three years ago that I'd be married to a mail-order husband, I'd have told them they were nuts."

Juanita had been divorced 10 years, and earned her living as a long-distance truck-driver. "I loved my life on the road, but it was very lonely," she says.

"I didn't go to bars, and found it hard to meet the kind of man I was looking for."

But then, she realized that Sheela's club, in operation for 31 years, is the largest of its kind in the world, and recognized by psychologists as a powerful enemy of loneliness.

She replied to three ads — one of them from Gordon Hoskins of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"He was a plumber who had been divorced for three years," she says. "He told me he was making a new start, and wanted someone to share it with."

Juanita and Gordon exchanged letters, photographs and phone calls for six months be-

*Sheela Wood's*  
HAVE-A-FRIEND CLUB

fore they actually met. "That wasn't the romantic dinner for two I'd had in mind," she admits. "He invited me to his family reunion in Potomac, Illinois."

"I almost backed out. I got cold feet as I arrived at the park where the gathering was being held. But I'd come this far, so I forced myself to go ahead. I'm so glad I did — I could have missed out on Mr. Right."

Two weeks later, Gordon and Juanita were engaged, and in October, 1983, they were married. "I became an instant grandmother," she says. "We have three grandchildren."

"I can't thank Sheela Wood enough."

• SHEELA WOOD is sending the Hoskins her own special gift, a check for \$100. If you have a happy-ending love story of your own to thank Sheela for, let her know about it. If it's published here, you'll be awarded a \$100 gift, too. Write, including your phone number, to: Sheela Wood Happy Ending, GLOBE, 2112 South Congress Ave., West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-7555.

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After that I stayed single for nearly 4 years before I met my wife of today Juanita. We have been together 28 years, my wife Nita met in Oklahoma. & we purchased 9 acres in Commerce, Georgia. I made a trailer court and was doing ok till 1992 when I had a heart attack and the doctors said no more work, no more nothing. So I sold out and moved to Coal City, Indiana, my wife's choice. So I did nothing of near a year & finally I said I got to do something. So I started remodeling the old house we lived in and some young man made me a fare offer and I sold it to him. We moved back to Potomac and got another old house and fixed it up and sold it and purchased the place where I live now. We're just one mile down the road from where we lived when I went in the Navy and just 2 miles from that old flowing Artesian well, which is still running great. But the owner of the land don't want no one on his land and to stay away from his well. So now and then I go take a look see to see if the old well is still working. It sure is.

From my first wife 5 kids; Gus O., Kim O., Tammy K., Wendy A., and Tod O. My oldest son Gus passed away in 2003 of Cancer. He was a Plumber. Kim my 2<sup>nd</sup> son is a Union Plumber in Champaign, IL. Kim owns his own home he built himself about 12 years ago. 2 Story 2 car under garage, 3 Bd. rm. 2 Bath & Den. It is paid for and is located on the West side of Champaign. Tammy lives in Colorado Springs, Co. Wendy lives in Danville, IL and is a mail carrier and has her own home on the banks of the Big Vermilion River South East of Danville. Tod is also a plumber & self employed with his own business. He lives in the High Sierra above Sacramento, California.

So you see my children have done ok in life and I have been on the go from day one.

Nita and I have been married 28 years of Oct 2011. Nita is 10 years younger than I. I am 78 years old and did plumbing for 50 years owned 12 homes and like I said lived in 9 different states. One home was Grandview, Calif it was moved in off Freeway rite away. I bought it setting 5 ft in the air and put a foundation under it plumbed it and ran electricity and gas. It took one year to do after my original job and weekends. Sold it and moved to Clearlake, Ca. got my 6 acres small ranch at Upper Lake. Sold that and got a mountain home in the San Gabriel Mountains. Near the National Forest Park of San Fernando Valley, Big Tujunga Canyon. Next move



was to Indiana South West Lebanon got 15 acres in Coal Holler. In 1970 Sold Out and moved to North Glen, Colorado. 1973 Sold Out and moved to Walnut, Kansas. Had 80 acres, raised 50 head of cattle. 1978 Sold Out moved to Alvin, Illinois. 1976 Divorced my 1<sup>st</sup> wife after 20 years. 1977 remarried and built a new home on 32 acres on the North Fork River in Alvin, Illinois. Economics went bad lost everything I had, including 2<sup>nd</sup> wife after just 2 years of marriage. 1981 went to Houston, Texas for the winter. 1982 wound up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and met Nita and got married it Oct of 1983. 1984 moved to Florida, worked in and around Orlando, lived in Deltona. 1985 moved to Georgia north east of Atlanta. Commerce, Georgia, 60 miles northeast of Atlanta. Bought 9 acres and put 5 trailers on it and worked out of Shellsville, Georgia, down east side of Atlanta over N.E., Georgia until 1992. Had bad Health, heart attack and the VA said no more work. 1993 Kim and Gus came to Georgia and moved me to Coal City, Indiana, got 5 acres way out in the Eel River Valley. I got this old place cheap cause had no income and Nita wanted to live near her relatives of nearby. In 2000 moved to Potomac, bought a old house and fixed it up and sold it. 2003 got this old cabin in the woods on a sealed bid. Fixed it up the best I could with Kim's help mostly. Same year I lost my oldest son to Cancer. So here I am, here I stay. As I say just down the road from where I was raised 70 some years ago. In all in between & over I seen: The Grand Canyon 4 times, Mount Rushmore 4 times, Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, Most all the Rocky Mountains, Seen Southern Montana, Custer's last stand 3 times, All states except North New England and Idaho. Seen Sequoias King's Canyon giant sequoia trees, Death Valley, Las Vegas, Reno, Carson City, Tahoe, clear in to Oregon & South to Mexico east to Florida and 101 up the West coast, & cities of California. Smokey Mountains and park quite a few times. Pigeon Forge, on and on & D.C., New York, city top of the Empire State Building, Times square on New Years Eve of 52-53. West Virginia Mountains, oh I could go on and on. Most beaches in Southern California, Mississippi, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Savanna Georgia, Hawaii 5 times & Walachia Beach. As I said all over the Orient mostly I could fill another page of where I was and had been. Utah, Salt Lake, Flats 2 times. If I was a city man, San Diego Calif. is where I would be due to mostly the climate, great year around.

I carried at one time a Los Angeles Journeyman plumbing license, Colorado Certificate, Kansas Plumbing License, and Illinois Plumbing license, & believe me they don't come by easy. I also for years from 1969 up to date was a honorary auctioneer. I went to Kansas City in 1969 to Auction School I used it now and then but never used it to make a living or life of it.

In 2003 I got my High School Diploma. I graduated with Armstrong & Potomac High School and it was on TV. If you quit school during war time & went in the military & got discharge good conduct, the Military gave you your diploma.

Some life achievements were 4 plumbing license, 1 Auctioneer diploma, High School Diploma, Graduated out of Newport Rhode Island Torpedo School U.S. Navy, 4 years in the Navy made Sergeant, Good Conduct, and Korean Ribbon and Battle Star. Done my last job of plumbing in 2007, which was for a friend. So you might say did plumbing all over for 50 years.

Children are:

Gus married #1 Linda Sue Toney, Divorced 2 children, #2 marriage Alice

Sarah Mae Hoskins married UNK 2 daughters

Johnna Electra DeAnn Birdwhistle

Jasmine Elizabeth Hoskins

Keli Rae Hoskins

Kim married #1 Kimberly Ann Hart, Divorced 2 daughters, #2 marriage Carmen Lyn Dowling (2 boys previous)

Kristin Somer Hoskins had 2 twin girls gave them up for adoption

Ashley Marie Hoskins has 2 girls her partner Samare 2 sons previous

Tammy married #1 Blain Hadley, Divorced 2 sons, #2 marriage Jerry Sandfur, Divorced Esok Hadley, Lives in Wichita, Kansas has a boy and a girl.

Zedaki B Hadley, U.S. Army 2 tours in Iraq. Lives in Savannah, Georgia, Special Forces.

Wendy married #1 Larry Edward Lovett, Divorced 2 daughters, #2 Brandon Starkey 5 sons previous.

Christina Ann Lovett, Lives in and around Danville self employed Landscaping

Stephanie Jo Lovett, Lives in and around Danville, IL

Tod has a son Cole mother UNK, married #1 Karen Byars 2 children, #2 marriage Kathy has son Christopher previous marriage. 5 yrs of school and has a Journeyman's license. Married with a daughter. Lives near Placerville Ca. Near Tod and Kathy.

Cole Hoskins USMC 5 yrs Aviation mechanic. Lives in Tahoe, Nv. area

Ryan Hoskins (with Mother)

Erica Lasan Hoskins (with Mother)

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Gordon's Wife Juanita Yevonne Hoskins, (several grandkids)

children from her previous marriage:

Marla (Churchill) Waldman Born in Cocomo, Ind. Has 2 children

Scott Gruel Born in Tipton, Ind. Married to Monica, they have 4 children

James Dean Walman (Waldan)? Born 3 Oct. 1962 Kokomo, Ind. Died 25 Mar 1980

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Back Left: Gus, Tammy, Gordon, Juanita, Kim, Front Tod



## Kim Hoskins Time Line of Moves

8/14/1955

Bill & Barb married. Lived in small house in Long Beach, California on Mariposa Street. Dad was still in the Navy.

Nov 1955

Mom was pregnant with Gus late 1955. They lived in a small house on back lot on Raymond Street in California.

May 1956

Dad & Mom moved to house on 84<sup>th</sup> & Figuero in Los Angeles, California. (Dad got out of the Navy about this time.)

8/02/1956

Gus was born when they lived on Figuero in Los Angeles, California.

Sept 1956

Potomac, Illinois Dad, Mom and Gus (1 month old) lived with Harry & Eva Hoskins upstairs. Dad worked at GM & Remole Soil Service.

Jan 1957

Dad & Mom moved to California & lived with Granddad Pyrl Hardesty on Raymond St in California. Mom was pregnant with Kim.

Spring 1957

Dad bought house on 130<sup>th</sup> Street in California.

1957

Kim O'Niel Hoskins was born to Gordon R Hoskins & Barbara M Hoskins (Hardesty) at Hawthorne hospital in Inglewood, California. (Gardena, California)

Sept 1958

Kim was one year old when Albert & Adam came to California to live with us.

Summer 1959

? Sis, Lester & Harold came out around this time. (130<sup>th</sup> Street Gardena, California) Kim was 2 years old.

Jan 1960

Moved to Illinois. Mom was pregnant with Tammy. Mom & Kim flew on a plane to Kansas City. Dad & Gus drove to Hardesty farm first. Dad took plumbing fixtures there & helped install them SE of Garnett Kansas. Dad & Gus picked up Mom and Kim from the airport and went to Illinois.

(Potomac, Illinois) Lived in block home owned by Buck Spain. I was told while we lived there that Uncle John had twin baby lambs & we took one in & fed it with my bottle. The mother lamb actually rejected this baby.

1960

Tammy was born at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Illinois. We moved in to Uncle John & Aunt Kathryn's little house in Potomac, Illinois.

6/25/1960

Sis & Lee were married in Las Vegas.

Aug 1960

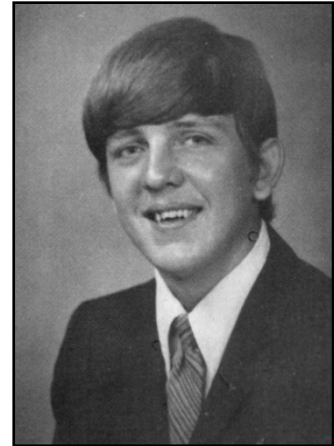
When I was about 3 years old, I developed asthma pretty bad. So Mom & Dad decided to move back west. Moved in with Adam. Toomeys house. Harriman Lane ReDondo Beach, California.

Jan 1961

Dad & Mom got house back on 130<sup>th</sup> Street in California. Mom was pregnant with Wendy.

1961

Wendy was born.



3/2/1962

Lester & Judy were married at Dad & Mom's house in California. Mom was pregnant with Tod.

1962

Tod was born at Hawthorne hospital. Kim was starting Kindergarten about this time at 135<sup>th</sup> Street in California.

March 1963

All of us were here. Gus, Kim, Tammy, Wendy & Tod. Tod was about 6 months old. Mom & Dad moved to Granddad Pyl Hardesty's resort at Clear Lake in Nice, California.

May 1963

Dad bought a place by upper lake. We called it "The Ranch". I was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Upper Lake, California.

Sept 1963

Grandma Eva V Hoskins was very sick. Dad & Mom loaded up VW bus & headed towards Illinois. Grandma Eva passed away 9/29/1963. We moved back to Upperlake, California.

Fall 1964

Dad & Mom moved to Tujunga, California. Kim went to Sunland School. We lived in these mountains about 8 months?

June 1965

Moved to Potomac, Illinois on Maple Street. Lived in Granddad Harry Hoskins home. Just our family? Kim went to Potomac Grade School.

Aug 1966

Dad went back to Tujunga, California to sell the place. He took the whole family "on the road again". Kim attended Sunland School again.

Dec 1966

Dad & Mom and Dad, Adam & Pauline sold their homes & threw all of the children in the vehicles to head to Potomac, Illinois. Kim went to Potomac Grade School again. We lived in a big house across from Buzzards on Rt 136 for about 1 year.

Dec 1967

Dad bought place on Coal Hollow Rd in West Lebanon, Indiana. The property was 15 acres. Kim got his 1<sup>st</sup> motorcycle. Kim went to West Lebanon Grade School & Warren Central/Seeger.

Spring 1971

Folks sold the place on Coal Hollow Rd & moved to Potomac, Illinois during the summer.

July or Aug 1971

Moved to Denver, Colorado & lived at a KOA Campground about 2 months. The folks bought a house in North Glenn, Colorado. It had 5 bedrooms and was an awesome place. Kim attended North East Jr High. We lived here about 2 years.

July 1973

Loaded up again & headed to Potomac, Illinois. Took a big U-Haul truck. We were in Potomac for a short time. Then we took off for Granddad Pyl's farm in Thayer, Kansas. Dad rented a place 2 or 3 months. We all went to school at Thayer. Dad belonged to the U A of Plumbers & Pipefitters.

Oct 1973

Dad bought 80 acres by Walnut, Kansas. We attended Girard School in Girard, Kansas. We lived here about 2 years.

Fall 1975

After the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks of Kim's senior year of school, we loaded our ass up again & moved to Bean Crick Rd on the corner of Potomac, Illinois. Kim graduated from Potomac High School with Cindy & Jim. May 1976 "Artesian Country".

Summer 1976

Dad & Mom moved to Alvin, Illinois on the North Fork River, west of Alvin. Dad was in business with Lester, Adam, Harold, & Albert Hoskins. "Hoskins Brothers Construction & Plumbing".

1977

Kim out on his own. Kim rented the block house where the brothers had their business.

1977 & 1978

Pence, Indiana Kim lived with Uncle Lee & Aunt Sis about 8 months.

Spring 1978

Collison, Illinois Tony & Kim lived in A-Frame rented from Steve Hoskins. (Good Party Pad)

Fall 1978

Danville, Illinois I rented apartment on North & Gilbert Street. This is where Kim met his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Kimberly.

Winter 1979/1980

Danville, Illinois on Ross Lane. I was a maintenance man for a 40 unit apartment complex. Worked full time at Hannum Plumbing. Married Kimberly January 1980.

Summer 1980

Danville, Illinois We lived in an apartment on Madison Street, west of Hannum Plumbing. Kristin was born 8/17/1980.

April 1981

Oakwood, Illinois Moved in with Gaven & Loretta Hart. (Kimberly's parents) on Covert Drive SE Oakwood. We lived there 2 months before heading west.

June 1981

Middletown, California went west with Don & Penny & kids & Tod. This is where I seen Uncle John & Aunt Kathryn pulled over in their motor home in Wyoming off of I-80. Rented a place on the edge of Middletown, California. Worked for Jesse Construction in Hidden Valley. Work got slow.

Feb 1983

Dodge City, Kansas had a job lined up at Stewart Mechanical. Kimberly, Kristin and I lived in trailer court South of Dodge City.

Fall 1983

Catoosa, Oklahoma Work was booming in Tulsa. Dad & Tod were there. Got a job at Harvey Plumbing first day. Worked for a couple other contractors before it slowed down. Ashley Marie Hoskins was born at Tulsa Hospital 7/19/1984.

Oct 1984

Yuba City, California Uncle Don got me a job with a plumbing contractor. Ashley was about 2 months old & Kristin was 4. Also worked for Pacesetter Construction on Beale Air Force Base.

Feb 1985

Kim, Kimberly, Kristin & Ashley lived on the North side of Muncie, Illinois about 6 months.

Summer 1985

Oakwood, Illinois Rented a big brick house on Olmstead Street north of the grade school. Worked for Lawhead Plumbing.

Winter 1985

Lived in a trailer on N Olmstead Street behind the grocery market, south of the tracks. Kristin & Ashley went to school at Oakwood. Summer 1986

Oakwood, Illinois We bought a house 201 N Olmstead. We all lived there until Kimberly & I divorced May 1993. I was working for Sullivan Plumbing in Champaign, Illinois.

Summer 1993

Newtown, Illinois I lived by myself in a camper for 6 months at the Vermilion Fishing Club. I was trying to pay off bills and save money.

Nov 1993

Champaign, Illinois On 228 S Rising Rd I rented an old trailer thru the winter. I bought the land & dwellings and fixed it up to get by. Still working for Sullivan Plumbing. I heard from Lynn Ann that Carmen was single. I called her in the summer of 1994.

We had our first date on 7/3/94 at Oakwood Park's 4th of July fireworks. I had my girls with me. She had 2 boys, Jesse & Joseph. I proposed to Carmen 3/4/1996. We were married at Garden Hills Baptist Church in Champaign, Illinois on 6/15/1996. We lived in our old trailer. Sold Carmen's house in Danville. We broke ground April 1999 to build our new home we live in today. We moved in September 2000. Along the way, I became a member of Local 149 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters on 1-2-1997. I worked for Keystone Mechanical in Joliet, Illinois for 7 months. I worked for Reliable Plumbing in Champaign for 3 months. I worked for A & R Mechanical of Champaign 11 ½ years. I worked for GA Rich out of Peoria for 6 months on the new water treatment plant which was 1 ½ mile from our home. Carmen & I have been married for almost 14 years. Carmen has worked for Depke 23 ½ years. Today is Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I have been laid off since March 2009. I'm still hanging in there, waiting for work. Our nation is in a recession and jobs are hard to come by.



Kim and Carmen Hoskins 2011

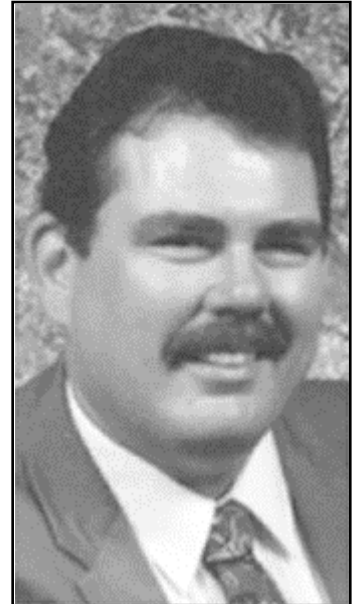
## **Gus O. Hoskins**

Gus O. Hoskins, 47, of Danville, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 19, 2003) at Provena USMC, Logan campus.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1956, in Los Angeles, Calif. He and his wife, Alice, were married Sept. 11, 1994. She survives of Danville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sarah and Keli Hoskins, both in Kansas; his mother, Barbara Pierce, of Danville and father, Gordon "Bill" (Juanita) Hoskins of Potomac; two granddaughters, Johnna and Jasmine in Kansas; two brothers, Kim Hoskins of Champaign and Tod Hoskins in California; two sisters, Tammy Hadley of Potomac and Wendy Hoskins of Danville; one stepbrother and one stepsister and many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by one stepbrother.

Gus worked at Hannum's Plumbing for 27 years. He was baptized in the Jehovah's Witness on Dec. 16, 1976. Gus enjoyed rummage sales and liked to buy things and give them to others. Gus loved life to the fullest. He enjoyed fishing and sitting around a campfire, sharing stories with family and friends. Gus always had a smile for everyone and always wanted others to be happy. Gus had a true heart of gold. His life was a celebration and those who were a part of his life became better just knowing him. No matter where Gus went someone always knew him. Gus Hoskins has touched so many lives all over from coast to coast and will be missed by all. A celebration of Gus's life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall on Voorhees Street in Danville; Officiating: Edward Lovett; Entombment: Sunset Memorial Park; Visitation: 4-8 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 22, at Sunset Funeral Home & Cremation Center; Memorials: Kingdom Hall.







Left Pic:  
Tammy  
Hoskins  
Hadley

Right:  
Wendy  
Hoskins  
Starkey &  
Brandon  
Starkey



Left Pic:  
Gus & Kim  
Hoskins

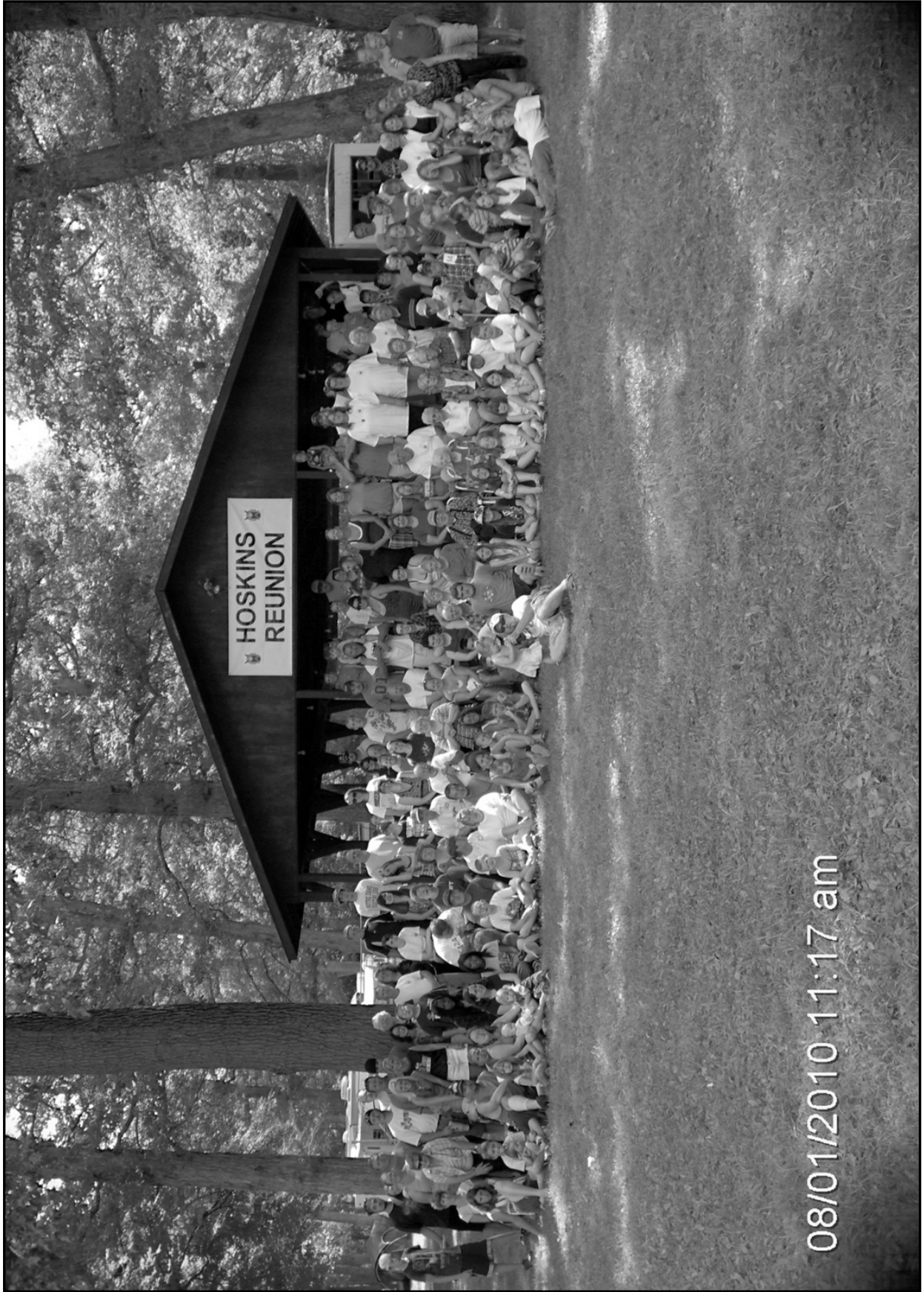
Right: Tod  
Hoskins &  
Kathy



Hoskins Reunion: Gus Hoskins on Left,  
Bill Auctioneer, Adam on right and a nice  
Chest that Adam built. 2002



Gordon (Bill) Hoskins and wife  
Juanita





## Eva Waunetta Hoskins

By Eva 2012

I am the 1<sup>st</sup> daughter of Harry and Eva Virginia (May) Hoskins born in 1935 North of Potomac, Ill in a tiny village of “Bluegrass” I attended Potomac, IL. School grades 1-12 except first half of first grade. (We) 4 older brothers had to walk to school. I remember 2 of my older brothers John and Harry (Pete) had to carry me on their backs cause I’d get tired of walking sometimes. Then we moved to town (Potomac). I attended the rest of my schooling at Potomac. After High School I worked at General Electric for 5 years. During that time I bought a boat and my brothers and I learned to water ski. In 1959 I traded my boat & 56 Buick in for a brand new 59 Buick



LeSabre Convertible, white with red interior. Went to California on vacation & stayed out there. Got a job, three months later met this dashing Marine Lee R. Flack from Lawton Oklahoma. We were married June 25<sup>th</sup> 1960 in Las Vegas Nevada. Lee was stationed at Lake Mead Naval Base in Nevada. Our daughter was born at Nellis AFB outside of Las Vegas. As Lee just got out of the Marine Corps. and into the Telephone Equipment Installation, then we began to travel the U.S.A.. Our son Walter Lee was born in Madison, Indiana. After a few years of traveling the U.S.A. we moved back to Pence Ind. and have stayed here. Lee retired from the Phone Company in 2001. He plays his guitar at Nursing Homes, and Friendship Centers.

(Eva) Lynanne, born in 1961 at Nellis AFB near Las Vegas, Nevada – Red hair brown eyes, born at 11:17 weight 7 lbs and 11 oz. missed St. Patrick’s day by one day, Ha! We lived in Las Vegas, NV till Lynanne was 14 months old, then travelled the U.S.A. with Lee’s job after he got out of the Marine Corps into the Telephone System Installation. Lynanne was a quiet child growing up. She loves art, painting (oil), designing, always new ideas; she’s a natural artist like her Grandmother, Eva M. Hoskins. We finally settled in Pence, Indiana, She finished High School at Seeger MHS in 1979. She married a local young man Tony R. Martin Pence, Ind. They own Martin Seed Company & farm. They farm several hindered acres of their own plus for landlords.

**Walter Lee Crawford Flack** born in 1963 in Madison, Indiana. Weight 10 ½ lbs bright red hair & blue eyes. He also was raised all over the U.S.A. Walter was also a quiet child. We moved to Clinton Ark. in 1973 upon a 120 acre farm. Later Walter became a woodsman & fishing enthusiast. He really loved it there on the farm. We left the farm to live in Pence, Ind. where he finished Grade and High School. (He sure missed Arkansas.) He went to work with his father in the telephone systems business; he’s still a hunter and woodsman. He bought 2.5 acres on the Middlefork River with 2 houses on it. At one of his Gifford racing meets he met Holly Beck, from Wheeling, Va. they married in Sept.2006 in West Virginia.



Walter travels the Eastern half of the U.S.A. Testing and Engineering equipment for Ericsson Telecommunications Systems.

My Hobbies are Artwork mostly oil paintings, woodworking crafts, plus sewing designer SE Husquvarna Viking Embroider and sewing machine I bought in 2006. It has hundreds of designs built in to choose from, or design your own ideas and save them. It has a 5x7 screen to see all the designs & creations. I've made a few quilts on it. One special quilt I did using all different types of stitching. So far has cost me 1150.00 to see what this design SE can do. Lee's hobby is playing the guitar (he has 4) and singing with a group of 6 people for Old Folks Homes and Nursing Homes and reading Marine Corps History.



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The Flames



Above: Lee, Lynanne, Walt, and Eva







Left:  
Aunt Sis and one of her  
Quilts.  
Below: Walter and Holly



Left Pic: Walt Flack, Eva  
(Hoskins) Flack (Sis), Lee Flack,  
Lynanne Flack, & Tony Martin.  
*Picture taken in the 1970's*

### Lynanne Martin

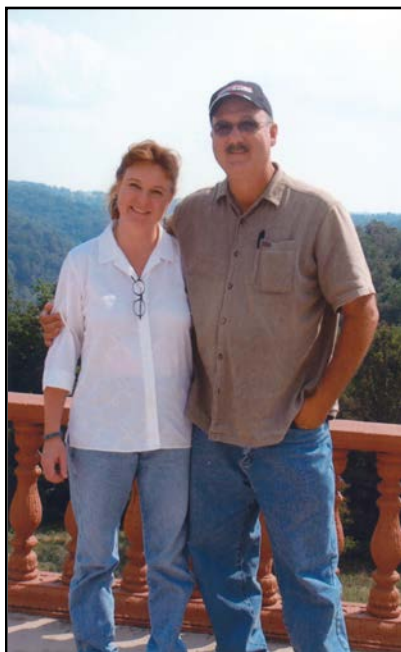
Lyn's favorite things God, husband, family, and friends. Family heirlooms, nature (everything from butterflies to sunsets). A good truck. Enjoys taking in kids and entertaining them on the farm. Gardening and pets. Art, creating about anything. Mediums might include paint, gourds, cement or anything that gets in the way. A passion of the past was working with horses especially if they had issues. Made the transition in 2009 from that to a homemade 1000 gallon Koi-pond with farm rock and cement. It seems a less treacherous hobby.

She also enjoys the computer especially the photo programs. And has an appreciation for knowledge of Natural Health benefits. Happiest out on a trail somewhere (especially if it is in "Lyn's Woods").

Married Tony Martin June 5<sup>th</sup> 1982 (no children). Tony & Lyn run a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Martin family business successfully. Martin Seeds, Inc. raises and conditions (in an old seed mill in Pence, Indiana), soybean and wheat seeds along with retailing anything from corn to ornamental and conservation grasses. Tony's hobby is work and he can be found there most days except Sundays. Lyn is the bookkeeper, secretary, and anything else that needs doing. Tony also currently farms (aprox.) 2700 acres. He really enjoys showing people a good time on the farm. He is a people person and is happiest when others are happy. The farm life has been good!



Sis and Lynanne 2010 going over Old Family History Letters and Pictures



Lynnanne and Tony Martin



Lynanne and her Art at an Art Exhibit in Attica, Ind



From	To	Places Eva (Sis) & Lee have lived
Mar 1961	Oct 1961	1804 Cartier St. Apt 3 N. - Las Vegas
Oct 1961	Jul 1962	853 N St. - Las Vegas, NV
Jul 1962	Oct 1962	3915 Las Vegas Blvd. So. - Las Vegas
Oct 1962	Dec 1962	Mulberry St. - Batesville, IN
Dec 1962	Sep 1963	123 W. 3rd St. - Madison, IN
Sep 1963	Feb 1964	312 Vine St. - Madison, IN
Feb 1964	Jun 1964	426 N Franklin St - Greensburg, IN
Jun 1964	Feb 1965	2431 Arrowhead St. - N. Las Vegas, NV
Feb 1965	Apr 1965	728 Astor Lane Apt. 10-A - Las Vegas, NV
Apr 1965	Aug 1965	2521 Poppy Lane Apt 22-B - Las Vegas, NV
Aug 1965	Oct 1965	Pemberton home (Rural area) - Sunbright, TN
Oct 1965	Dec 1966	Box 88 - Trailer court - 2nd trailer N. - Wartburg, TN
Dec 1966	Jun 1966	105 Kent Terrace - Charlottesville, VA
Jun 1966	Feb 1967	1636 Mullberry Ave - Charlottesville, VA
Feb 1967	Apr 1967	c/o H.W. Hoskins - Pence, IN
Apr 1967	Jul 1967	206 N Vermilion St. - Potomac, IL
Jul 1967	Dec 1967	211 College St. - Potomac, IL
Dec 1967	Apr 1969	118 N Vermilion St. - Potomac, IL
Apr 1969	Oct 1969	6336 Evergreen St. - Las Vegas, NV
Oct 1969	Feb 1970	1409 Third St. - Graham, TX
Feb 1970	Dec 1970	2503 D Ave - Lawton, OK
Dec 1970	Sep 1973	2423 D Ave - Lawton, OK
Sep 1973	Sep 1977	Route 1 - Hwy. 16 - Clinton, AR
Sep 1977	Present	Pence, IN

*Jim Hoskins adds...* As a nephew of Aunt Sis (Eva) my memories go back to the days of my youth. One fond memory takes me back to a time when Sis and Lee lived in Arkansas. Our family would drive down from Illinois and enjoy staying with them and visiting. I remember the Uncles and Aunts sitting around the kitchen table swapping stories to see who could come up with the funniest joke or biggest tall tale.

We used to go to Greers Ferry Lake and go fishing. I remember not doing too well at fishing with worms and a local told us to use cheese and a treble hook. So we got some cheese but soon found when casting that the cheese would fly off the hook. So someone got the idea to cut a little hair off of Sis's poodle and mix with the cheese. Pretty soon we were catching rainbow trout like crazy.

Sis's daughter Lynanne was a couple of years younger than me. I always admired her, she was cute as could be and was always cheerful. She was fun to be around. We always got along and had a lot of fun playing down by the streams and exploring the woods. As Sis said earlier Lynanne has a natural talent for art, like her mother and grandmother. She has done some beautiful stuff. Walter was a bit younger than Lynanne. I remember once in Arkansas we were playing, probably 10 or 11 years old, and as boys do we got into tossing rocks at each other. Once he threw one at me and missed and hit his Uncle's trailer and it broke a window not too bad. But his Uncle was an ex cop or something and I think he had been sleeping and it scared the heck out of him. One of those, funny for a second, before we get in trouble moments. Those younger days of playing and having fun are memories I'll always cherish.



**MR. AND MRS. TONY MARTIN**

Eva Lynanne Flack and Tony Ray Martin were united in marriage, June 5th at the Church of Christ at Pence with Rev. Randy Rhode officiating the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Flack of Pence and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hoskins of Pence. Lynanne graduated from Seeger Memorial High School in 1979 and was employed as a dental assistant to Dr. Hand of Danville, Ill.

Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Martin of Pence and grandson of Mrs. Lela Martin of Frankfort. Tony also graduated from Seeger Memorial High School in 1979 and is attending Purdue University.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin with brocade applique on the bodice, and long tapered sleeves, her veil of matching ivory with appliques on the Juliet style cap and a sheer blusher. The gown belonged to the Groom's Mother. Her bouquet was copper and peach silk roses accented with apple blossoms and ferns. Maid of honor, Carmen Dowling, wore a long gown of apricot with lace yoke. Cynthia Hoskins, cousin of the bride, wore a long gown with a lace caplet in apricot. Both girls carried a spray of roses in apricot and copper. Jessica Weller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weller, of Pence, was flower girl and she carried a basket of matching flowers, and a wreath of baby's breath for her hair, wearing a long gown of apricot with lace yoke.

The groom wore an ivory tux. His best man, Jeff Clem of State Line, and groomsmen, John Zenor of Williamsport, ushers, Walter Flack, brother of the bride and Rex Martin, brother of the groom, all wore suits of summer brown. The ringbearer, nephew of the groom wore a suit of summer brown, matching the men's. All wore a boutonniere of peach rose.

The organist was Mary Lynn Perrin of Pence and soloist was Mrs. Randy Rhode. A reception was held in the basement. Cake served and made by Mrs. Adam Hoskins of Alvin, Ill. and her daughter, Mrs. Jim McCann. Punch was served by Mrs. Richard Hoskins and her daughter, Shelly of Potomac, Ill.

After a short trip to Missouri, the couple now reside in West Lafayette.



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**EVA FLACK, TONY MARTIN**

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Flack of Pence, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Eva Lynanne, to Tony R. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Martin, also of Pence. A June 5 wedding is planned.



## Adam Everette Hoskins

By himself 2012

My name is Adam E. Hoskins, and back in September of 1937 my life started out with a bang. So the story goes. Supposedly Mom went out to the barn & spooked the old horse, which unloaded with both feet & kicked mom through the side of the barn. Dad made a mad dash across Grey's Ford to Potomac to retrieve Dr. Ogle. I was born a few hours later weighing in at 4lbs even. Dr. Ogle told Dad if I made it until morning I might survive.



So here I am toughing out my biography. Nor will I verify or deny my families stories, but most of my stories are true because I have the scars to prove them.

Something I remember was that Dad had a large Bull Snake he kept in the barn to keep the mouse and rat population down. Well seems the big ole snake met his demise when he killed a couple of mom's Jenny Wrens. Dad didn't say anything to an irate hoe wielding woman about losing his pet snake. Who by the way when stretched out was longer than the lane was wide, and being small to that snake I was dinner. So to this point in my age I hate snakes and don't much like horses.

The summer time was filled with the afternoons spent in the river. Mom would come down to the river and tell us to get washed up so we could go to Potomac's free show. She would give us a bar of soap (it would float). She would say get clean, except for you Adam, & I would ask... Why not me? & her answer would be, Adam you're so filthy you would leave a ring on the bank of the river.

With the war starting up and we had about used up all the fun the little farm could give us, we packed up and moved to town. We moved next door to Granddad May and on Sunday morning we would walk to church with granddad. Well on one of these such mornings granddad stopped at the door and had a little chat with the reverend Jim. Well Rev. had a little chat with the piano player, so when the piano player hit the keys, it was my favorite song "Bring in the Sheeps". So in my Little Rascals, Alfalfa voice I would let it wail, I would look back at granddad and he



Adam

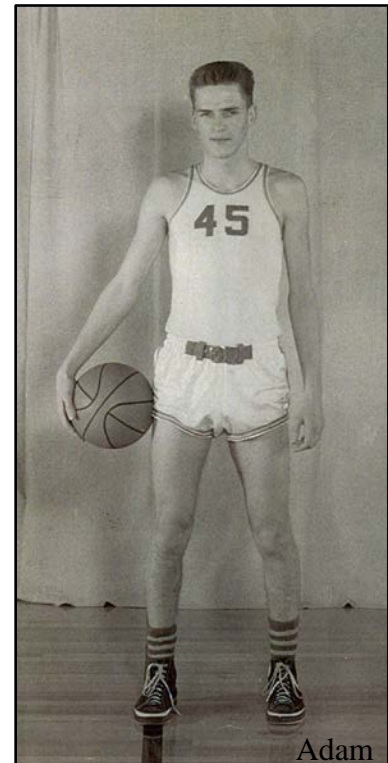
would wink at me & grin at Reverend Jim. And I was too young to know I had been set-up.

In order to keep our old blind mare we would feed and water her every morning and night. So yet today a story comes up about that old horse. Childhood friends still remember her name; "Old Daisy". You could put 4 or 5 kids on her and she would just walk anywhere you aimed her, so on weekends she was the main source of family entertainment. The family grew and we no longer had a family tree, but a freaking forest over run by Kudzu. (*Look it up if you don't know!*)

I started to school at Potomac Grade School it was a big red brick building. I played the usual team sports & pursued them right on through High School. Our High School Junior Varsity Team went 3 years unbeaten with a record of 76 + 0, the record stood in the ill Hall of Fame for many years. My senior year we made it to the top 32 in the state, taking on all comers, no 1-A, 2-A, or such schools then. Also another record of mine, I ran the mile in track, four years. I never failed to place, but I never got a first place, but I tried.

School was easy for me; I was always in the top of the class. I was awarded the first Citizenship award; they gave it out at my graduation.

Dad broke his back 2 days before I graduated from high School so I went from School to the work force real fast. Prior to this if you were 17, you joined the service. Dad had a bench mark on the door jam, (several to be exact). So as you grew, your family status also grew. Like your work load & place at the dinner table. So when you reached the top mark out the door you went. Also the crashing sound you heard as you were leaving was dad breaking your plate.



So when John was 16 he went to work at Chanute Air base. His ride was a big blue bike with a headlight and a taillight, white side wall tires, and he rode this 20 miles every day. So when he enlisted in the Navy it took him 3 years to gain his weight back!

By this time we had moved to the 40 acres in the “Hills of Hawbuck” a new episode in our daily life. On occasion our dog population would grow. One such dog stands out with a bad attitude, a big yellow dog acquired from Uncle Bill. One afternoon brother Bill and I was cutting cockleburs out of the south corn patch. We could hear dad yelling from up on Cedar Bluff. So we took off, not knowing what kind of pickle dad was in. When we reached the east fence there was dad up a little 3 or 4 ft round hickory tree. He was treed by a huge Brahma Bull. He had almost made it to the fence before he was put up a tree. So here’s where Cap came in to play. Dad called Cap the Dynamo Dog. So when the bull sees the dog coming he turned on the dog and charged, closing the distance between them fast, a *2,000 lb bull face to face with a 1 lb. dog (Exaggerated a bit, but not much!)*. The distance of the little meadow was closed in a flash, and the bull didn’t waiver. The dog went straight for the nose, clamping on with all his fangs and rearing back so his head came between the bull’s front legs. He flipped that bull head over heels. The bull immediately headed for home. So dad climbed down from his little perch and asked who taught him to do that, & I said you just did dad. So now I don’t like bulls.

In August of 1955 I went to California and then again in November with mom, dad, and Sis. Dad sold the 40 acres. Bill said he could find me a job, he was married and still in the Navy in California. I went to work with his father-in-law as a plumber’s apprentice. Left that job and worked as a termite exterminator’s helper. I went back to Illinois in Sept of 1956.

Back to work as a 1956 Pontiac crankshaft, X-Ray (cobalt) Tech at General Motors. Got laid off in March of 1957 and Albert and I headed to California for some sunshine on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1958.

Enrolled in college at UCLA (entomology), got my Calif. State Fumigation & Operators License. Jobs I worked in was fumigating ships in the Long Beach harbor, gasin bins in the Coachella Valley. I covered many homes in the LA basin. I treated a Greek freighter that had run aground on Palos Verdes Point, for a foreign infestation of Meal Moths. The California Agriculture Dept. would call us and we would treat the infestation with DDT, Chlordane, or any other chemical used at the time. My science professor at UCLA took many pictures of the amount of wildlife that these chemicals killed along the beach. I operated a Fumigation Chamber at the LA Airport. Anytime an Agriculture dept. inspector found an infestation of foreign insects, we would treat these items being shipped into the states. We would gas them with a dose of Methyl Bromide. One such shipment was a load of Orchids worth \$180,000.00. Too much gas, you killed the plant & not enough gas you did it over again.



In December of 1960 I was drafted in to Uncle Sam's Army. Basic training was at Fort Ord, Calif., I received the soldier of the platoon award. M.P. School at Fort Gordon, Georgia in March and April then to Fort Myer, Va. in May. In my life I finally wound up as a security guard at Woodbridge, Va. Radio ready station job was payroll guard, courier guard to pentagon, White House prison guard escort to Fort Meade Maryland. Choice duty all that time. First call to a bar room fight was between 4 Marines from Quantico & 4 Army GIs from Fort Belvoir. So my Sgt. says you drive Adam. So I turn on the lights, hit the siren, headed off base at 60 M.P.H., my Sgt. Asked me how many brawls I had been in, in which I replied, "First One Sarge." He then begins to fill me in on procedure, "The idea" he says "you want to get there when they are tired, not when they are still mean." So I immediately slowed down, sometimes doing things fast is not always a good thing.

I was discharged as an E-4 on the 6 of Dec 1962. I headed to California and made a quick stop in Illinois to see the folks.

I was requested to join the National Guard 1 or 2 years. Summer camp at Camp Robert's & Hunter Liggett. 1964 was a busy time. I met and married & split up in one year. Had a serious accident while married to my first wife (Nancy Crabtree). I got into an accident herding cattle with an old Ford Tractor, wound up in the Hemet California Hospital with 5 broken ribs, broken collar bone, broken shoulder blade, and a punctured lung. Later was told by my chiropractor that I had also broken my back. Nancy moved back home to her folks, she said I was too much work?



After a couple of months of healing I went back to work and the first person I met was Pauline. When I walked up to her desk (she was a receptionist at a large company) she asked what can I do for you, and I asked if I could take her to lunch. She gave her rolodex a couple of spins and said okay I'm free at eleven. So at lunch she brought me up to date on her life and said that she was divorced and had two children Anthony (Butch) and Pamela. We hit it off immediately and were married on Friday May the 13<sup>th</sup> 1966. We moved to IL. in December of that year. I worked many jobs the next few years, carpenter at Cissna Park, IL., plumber in Champaign, and more.

David was born on Memorial Day in 1969 and in Feb of 1972 we sold out everything and moved to Colorado. I went to work for Bel Aire Plumbing and installed plumbing in AT&T buildings in the top of the Rockies. I

also helped build modular living quarters that went on oil rigs for the Gulf of Mexico.

Matt was born in Dec of 1972.

Moved back to IL. In Sept of 1975 and joined the Danville Plumbers Union in August of 1977.

I retired in Oct of 1999.

Polly and I raised 4 kids on our little 20 acre plot of ground in the bend of the North Fork River at the edge of the prairie. Pam has 3 children; Mason McCann and wife Jessica; Jordon & wife Cathy and baby Selphie; and daughter Jessica. Matthew and Kim live in Denver and David & Debra live in Pitkin, Colorado with son Logan. Anthony (Butch) was killed in California on Labor Day Weekend of 1991. Polly, well she has the biggest job of all, she keeps me going.



Butch & Pam

I would always judge people by the way their kids acted and how they turned out. So I felt my kids turned out okay. So much of this I owe to Polly. From the first time I saw Polly, she looked at me & I thought Wow, all of 5' tall, 100 lbs with a hair style all her own what we called a Beehive back then.

Polly (Pauline) was raised in Derry N.H. & went to an all girls Catholic school. Her parents owned a restaurant and about the time Polly graduated High School they sold everything and moved to California. Her mother was French Canadian & her dad was of Parisian decent. She had an uncle who struck it rich in the Klondike. Gold rush, Polly didn't see any of the money. Polly's real name is Marie Pauline Theresa Doucet Gizzo Hoskins.





Adam, Pauline, David and Matt  
1980's

Of all the kids Pam was the easiest to raise, never had to spank her, just tell her and it was done, no argument, no hassle, all her teachers would praise her to high heaven. Of course she had 6 or 8 cousins to look out for her (all big guys too).

Pam now lives in Rossville, IL. And is manager at Red Lobster in Danville.

Then came David, he was something else. When he was 9 weeks old, he had pyloric stenosis (the closing of the stomach muscle). First indication of anything wrong was his projectile vomiting, corrected only by surgery. At 6 he played youth football. He was very good at it. As the years passed his coaches were amazed at his ability to understand the game. His High School coach Dave McDonald said it was like having a coach on the field.

But then his left knee went bad, after several biopsies they decided it was dead bone, not cancer. So we had several options. A new knee, a compatible cadaver, a new nylon implant, or they could remove the dead part of the bone and replace it with bone from his hip, we opted for the latter; but found this procedure had never been done. His doctor was ecstatic when it turned out so well.

So when all this healing was going on he somehow got kicked in the back & broke a bone off his back. He was laid up for a couple more months with nothing but lite work outs.

So now he is living in Pitkin, Colorado with his wife Deb and son Logan. He has his own construction business.

Then came Matt, who had all the tools for sports, speed for track, & football also a good understanding of the games, all country as running back & middle line backer, all country both offense & defense for special teams. Matt was nominated for the Dickson award (Good Sportsman award). His academics was in the top of his class. He took several medals at state for math competition. David and Matt were both voted King at the Homecoming. Matt got several calls from various colleges to play football but opted to join the Air Force instead. Matt has 2 kids from his first marriage, Alayna Hoskins Johnson St. Louis, Mo. and Matthew Hoskins Johnson of Colorado Springs. He and his new wife Kim live in Morrison, Colorado.

Dave and Matt made the Varsity Team all 4 years in school. Matt's yardage record will stand forever, beings they closed the school down after he graduated.



Pam

Added by Adam's nephew Jim Hoskins...

Adam and Pauline were always busy with their family and their hobbies as I was growing up. Pauline always seemed to have a new hobby every time I saw her. From raising Basset hounds to creating beautiful crafts she was always exploring new things. Adam too wasn't to be out done by his crazy brothers. I remember one time they all got together on my dad's farm for a friendly game of soccer. Which turned into kind of a polo game on motorcycles. I think my dad caught a limb across his front and two or three others had a few spills but Uncle Adam took a good spill and got a good bang on the head. Adam and his brothers got together often and as I grew up, I heard some pretty interesting stories about their lives and the days of growing up in the "Hills of Hawbuck".

## Talented family makes nearly old shop work



### Around Town

By BECKY SILZER  
Staff Writer

Pauline Hoskins is prides herself in owning a shop where every item is hand-made "from scratch".

"So many times I see shops where there is a lot of consignment work," Hoskins said. "All of the crafts in my shop are made by family members. Everything is hand-made here. We design and cut all the wood craft. Each item starts with a basic piece of wood. I prefer wood."

Polly's Nearly Old Shop is a quaint little store brimming with unique handicrafts. It can be found nestled in a wooded area next to the North Fork River by Alvin.

"The reason I started the business," said Hoskins, "is because I was in a high stress job. I originally took an outside job because Adam was laid off. I was not out to make a killing. It was just to help put food on the table."

We had become accustomed to the extra pay, so when I quit my job in 1986, I started doing home parties with my craftware. Pam McCann, my daughter, was my right-hand-man in this endeavor. She is my head of marketing. At the beginning, she did the paperwork and booked parties. At the parties, girls would make orders and request special colors. I even designed things they wanted.

"Finally Adam got sick of all the supplies and tools in the house. He made a workshop and took the old tack room and made it into a little store. He pushed me out of there," she said, laughing, showing the room that once housed a packed workshop.

Her husband said they just lacked a few tools and one day they decided "let's give it a shot." They went to a sale and bought the rest of the tools. "In 1989 I was finally out of the house and displaying my work in the new shop," Hoskins said. "And I was still doing home parties."

Hoskins had another motivating force in her life. Eva Flack, her husband's sister, of Pence, Ind., gave her the additional boost she needed.

"Get that open!" said Flack.

"When you're self-employed," reflected Hoskins, "it is nice to have a person to motivate you and encourage you. 'Sis' pushed and helped me to open the shop. Most of the time she is there backing me."

Flack makes all of the wooden dolls. The whole doll is fabricated from wood, is flat, and painted on all sides. She does characters such as Rhett Butler and Scarlet O'Hara. Recently she finished making some American Indian dolls.

Hoskins' daughter specializes in hand-sewn items, cross stitch, stuffed rabbits, and occasionally, quilts.

Adam does all of the carvings. His last project was a wood duck. "I can't keep his birds," said Hoskins, "They sell as soon as he can make them."

The carved birds take about four days to complete. He seems to know when to stop work on a specific one, considering the work done. He theorizes that one can overdo it and dislike the finished product if he doesn't know when to stop.

Both feel their work can't be rushed. "You just cannot rush creativity," said Mrs. Hoskins.

This attitude is apparent when she first gets an idea. She is constantly coming up with them. Once she has set her mind on an project she would like to make she goes to Adam for the second step in the process.

Adam Hoskins is the business' technical adviser.

"When I design an item and want it to do a particular thing (like getting a bunny to sit up on a counter) Adam can figure out how to do it," Hoskins said. "He then makes it to scale for me so that I can cut it out of wood."

The couple's son, David, helps in the business by creating wooden chests, clipper ships, pirate ships and birds.

Matthew, their other son, is good in a pinch. "He's talented, but does not like it," his mother said. "He can do anything. He carved a carousel horse."

His father agreed. "Matthew goes out to the shop and starts piddling and soon, he has something made."



Photo by Becky Silzer

Pauline and Adam Hoskins stand with some of the items available at Polly's Nearly Old Shop. The items, all hand-

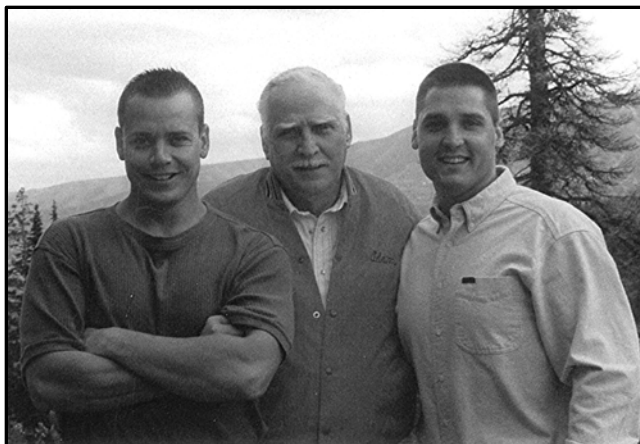
made, are displayed in a former tack-room which was remodeled as a showcase for the family's work.

Wooden items sold at the shop are varied and include bears, animals, birds and rocking horses. There are some Southwest art style pieces in the shop, too.

Presently, Hoskins is designing a 10-page colored mail order catalog. She plans to have it sent out by family members living along the East and West Coasts. The catalog will contain some of her more popular items, as well as some new designs.

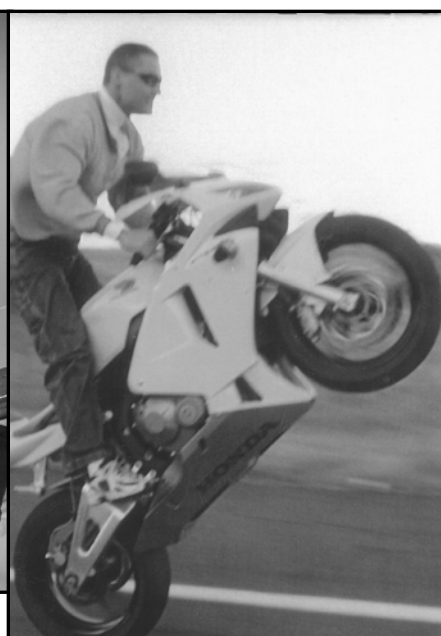
"I'm still learning," Hoskins said. "Crafting is very important to my





Above: David, Adam and Matt

Pam, Pauline and Pam's daughter



Above Left: Pauline painting her wall in her house.

Right: Matt on his bike.



Above: Adam and Polly's Workshop  
Right: Adam and Polly's house.



# local/regional

## 'Family ties' create new area business

The family that creates together goes into business together.

While there's no motto to that effect, there should be, at least according to Polly Hoskins.

Hoskins will open a new business June 14.

Polly's Nearly Old Shop will offer collectibles, from wooden rocking horses with bear riders to historical dolls. All items are handmade by someone in Hoskins' family.

Hoskins' husband, Adam, cuts wood for the projects, as do her sons, Matthew and David. Her daughter, Pamela McCann, adds cross stitch and quilting pieces. Her sister-in-law, Eva Flack, creates the historical dolls. Other relatives add their special touches to the selections.

"Many pieces are made from old wood. For example, Hoskins found an old barn whose sturdy sides are immortalized in her work. "That's why the name," Hoskins said. "All the wood is old."

Customers will be able to purchase items off the shelf, or, if they're willing to wait, they can have pieces customized with names or in colors to match their decors.

The business, located southeast of Rossville off Route 119, was three years in the making. A tack room at Hoskins' home was converted into a shop.

Hoskins admits the shop might be a little hard to find. "It's just a little off the beaten path," she said.



**Polly Hoskins stands amid gifts in her new store, the Nearly Old Shop. The business opens June 14.**

The family business started as a hobby. Hoskins, who was working outside the home full time, started doing crafts. Soon, others started requesting her work and she began creating full time.

After Hoskins quit her job, she and McCann devised a home party system for displaying and selling their work. "It worked beautifully," Hoskins said.



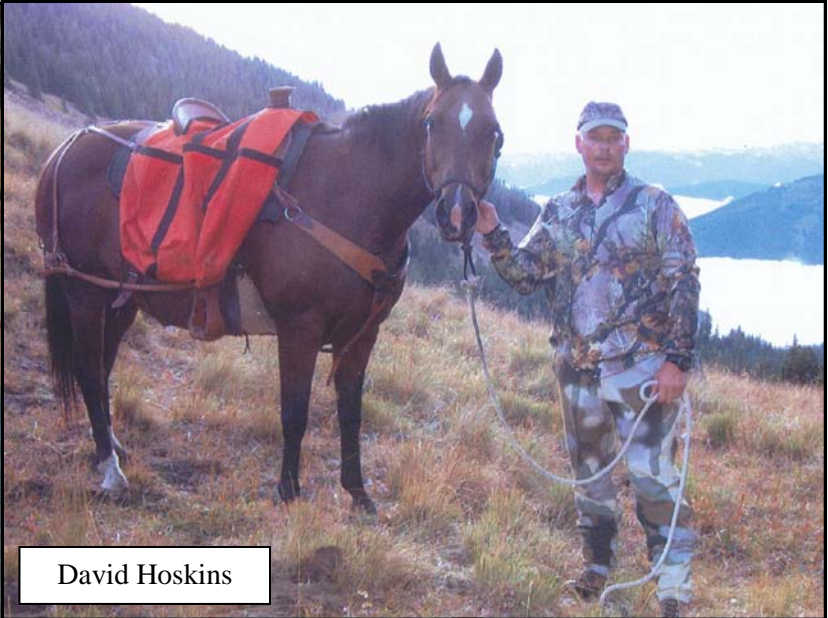
**Left 2 Pictures: David Hoskins and his son Logan Hoskins.**



**Below: Adam and Pauline at a Hoskins Reunion.**

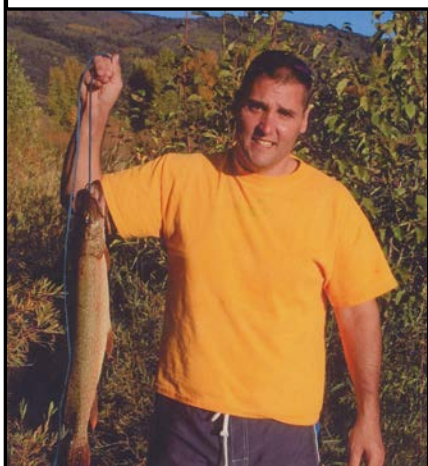






David Hoskins

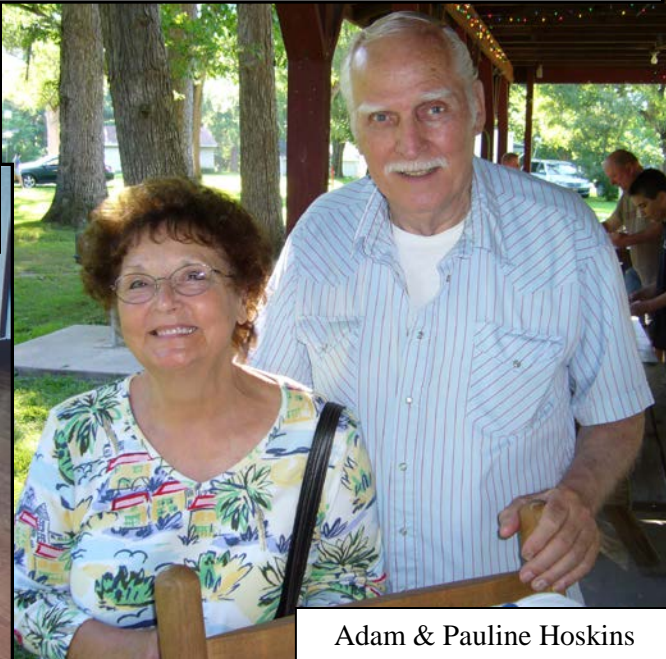
Above: David Elk Hunting  
Below: Matt's been Fishin



Above: Brother & Sister  
David & Pam

Adam & Son Matt

The Little Coaster Express, one of their  
favorite Pieces that Adam made for Polly.



Adam & Pauline Hoskins



## Adam's Dresser

As Told by Adam Hoskins

When I was born down by the Old Gravel Pit, in Hawbuck. Mom and Dad had moved there. Mom was Pregnant and had gone out to the barn. The Old Plow Horse kicked her right through the wall of the barn. She started in to labor and I was born 4 or 5 hours later. The doc said I weighed 4 pounds and that I wouldn't make it till morning. So I made it anyway. Mom's bed was next to this dresser and she open one of the drawers and put a couple of blankets in there and I slept in there like a crib for the first winter of my life. I didn't know this thing even existed. So when Albert went to California this was sittin in his chicken house covered with crap. He said, you want that ole dresser, and I said, I don't want that ole thing. He said, that's the one we had on the farm. I said ok so I brought it home & started cleaning it up. The more I cleaned it up I thought that's pretty good wood. So it turned out alright.



Jim Hoskins added... Alright was not the right word, it was beautifully redone. He refinished it and added Marble on the top and shelves. Truly a beautiful family heirloom. Adam does beautiful woodwork and has made some beautiful Trunks for the Hoskins Family Reunion.



## Albert Leroy Hoskins

*Written by Chris Hoskins in 1984*

I can remember when my father, Albert Leroy Hoskins, and his brothers were in construction and plumbing together Granddad, Harry W. Hoskins, would come by a job that they were doing and check on how things were going on the project. Even though Granddad was in his late sixties Dad said, along with a lot of my other uncles, that they still wouldn't want to tangle with Granddad if he were five years younger for he'd still probably whip everyone's rear. The respect for their father was great. When they said "here comes the Boss!", they meant it. Granddad, on hearing this would just smile from ear to ear.



One of his sons, my father, Albert Leroy Hoskins was born in a chicken coop at what my grandparents called the "Hills of Hawbuck" in November of 1940, Potomac, Illinois. My father is the seventh of ten children. In his family they have served the U.S. proud in the following armed services or wars; Navy, Marines, Army, World Wars II, Korea and Vietnam. *Note Albert served in the Navy.*

My father went to school at Potomac. He said he wasn't a real jock in High School but he liked basketball. He still tells me fascinating stories of his brothers playing basketball for Potomac when they went to the state's Sweet Sixteen Playoffs.

My father has been a real push behind my life and as I grow and absorb more knowledge from him I can only hope that in the future I can return the wise advice that he has endowed to me.

My father, Albert Leroy, married a German girl named Patrica Ann Hasselberg. They got married in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1960.

There were two boys born before me, Brian Daniel, and Trent Everett, 23 and 21 respectively. I am the third of four children. My name is Christopher Scott Hoskins. I was born in Inglewood, California in 1966. *Note Chris' younger sister is Brandy Elizabeth Hoskins.*

My Ancestors were all good people. I have learned a lot about where my origins come. My blood line runs deep into history. I have aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, two grandmothers and one grandfather, since my grandfather Harry Walter Hoskins just recently passed away.



Just one quote I will remember from my grandfather that puts a prospective on his life, that is "I've went from an age where horse and buggy was in style to seeing a man fly in space, really I have seen it all! Haven't I?"

These few bits of words make me appreciate my grandfather even more.

I have learned about where I came from, what I am from, the heritage, mostly who I am. I am a Hoskins and I am really proud of it.



**The following was written in 2012 with the combined efforts of Albert (Abe) and son Chris**

**(Albert)** I married Patricia A Hasselberg originally from Ebensburg, Pennsylvania on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1960. I met her at a roller rink in Gardena California in 1958 before I went in the NAVY stationed at the Oakland Alameda Naval Base Northern, California.

**(Chris writing)** I gather from stories from dad that he would get off ship in Oakland late Friday nights and hot foot it to meet her in LA area. The escapades he tells of him and his buddies traveling along “old HWY 99” now where we sometimes work, brings a nostalgic twinge to these stories. Recently we finished a job in Merced California and dad got to talking about the time or 2 when the local “fuzz” made him or at least thought he made dad get on a bus out of town back to LA or Oakland, but as Dad laughs he remembers that he got on the bus and then at the next town away he got off and continued on his hitchhiking ways either to ship or to mom and LA.

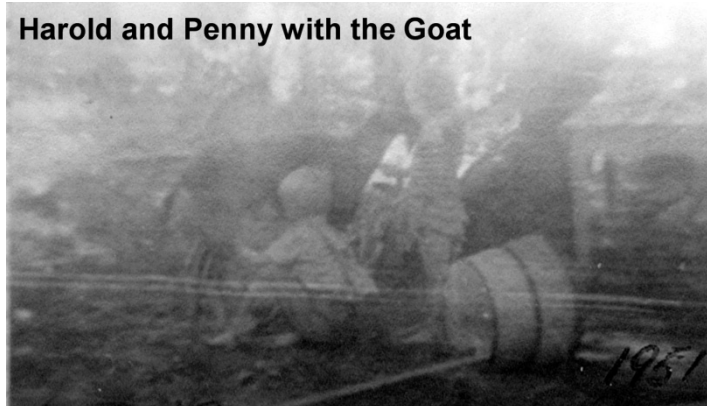
He tells me of many times they had to literally hang their heads out of the opened door of whatever auto they had acquired just too see the line or an outline of the road due to Tule fog, sometimes catching one hell of a cold to go with the drive.

He also tells of his luck when a few of his navy buddies went back to Oakland without him for some reason and they ended up critically injured in a car wreck. He gets quiet sometimes when that comes up.

Dad tells me during our trips to and from projects about a time that I believe it was in Lawndale, California where Adam was dropping him off to see mom (Pat) at what was then Alfred and Margret Hasselbergs’ home... And that Grammy (our nickname for Mom’s Mother) yelled at Albert and Adam about some sort of Hot Roding and that she was NOT GOING to put up with it any further. Well as you might already have guessed Albert tried to ask Adam to be “cool” but Uncle Adam, and I laugh every time I hear this because the details seem so vivid and knowing my mom’s mom (Grammy), dropped the hammer in his 59’ Plymouth Sport Fury burning rubber and could be heard over a mile away, much to the dismay of Grammy and maybe even Al.

Another tale that Jessica and Aaron really get a kick out of is of Lester and Harold and I believe dad a goat on the Farm there in Illinois when they were little boys. Lester and Harold would grab the goat and take it upon top of the barn/shed then put it a crate of some sorts with a burlap sack below it and push that sucker down the roof to the ground. Now you’d think that the goat being a rebellious animal would not put up with this BS but from what we have been told it got to a point where the darned goat would actually get up on the roof , wait for the boys to come home from school or wherever and push it down the roof. I can see it now.

**Harold and Penny with the Goat**





Chris Hoskins

Dad has told me that moms' dad, Pap Pap, got along with his brothers. Some, I believe it was Bill and Adam, even had Pap Pap up to his home in Lake County--Clear Lake , to go bass fishing, stating that this was done numerous times. Dad thought this was cool of his brothers to do this as Pap Pap was an avid fisherman. I don't believe we have pictures of him without a fish somewhere in the scene.

More recent tales I have been a part of is when we had gone fishing as we do every year up at Hat Creek/Old Station /Twin Bridges area near Lassen Park. He still remembers most fondly the time he had to break

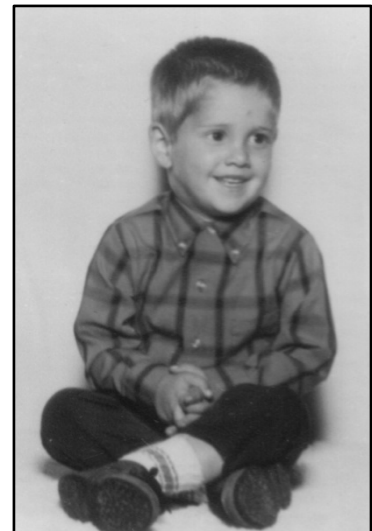
up a minor scuffle between Randy's little boy Jeremy, Little Les's boys Lester Dale III and Jessica over a little battery operated jeep. It was hers and she did not want to let 2 little boys tell her what to do in it I guess. He still , even though Jessica is almost 20 now, remembers her as the little 3 year old red head that gave those 2 boys fits as good as they gave her. She got her way because it was her jeep, the boys be damned. HA HA

When items come up with my sons' old truck (70 Dodge 100 power wagon and 70 Dodge Challenger) dad tells stories of his dad's escapades with vehicles. Even times he remembers when Granddad Hoskins had Horse and buggy, no new fangled automobiles, and even his own old cars. Boy the value of the cars discussed would be remarkable today. Dad tells him of the time when Brian and I believe Kim were racing each other up route 1 north towards home in Alvin. I was with dad and at or near Bismarck turn off when these 2 blurs went by. It was Kim in his Sport Fury and Brian in his Challenger and that dad in his green Chevy even doing top speed it was like he was standing still. All dad could do was scream at them to slow the damn cars down cause he could not even hope to catch those 2. My son laughs at the vivid details dad provides

Or even times when Old Marshall Faget would get in touch with dad or see him somewhere and adamantly tell dad that one day, one day by god he was going to Catch those damn boys Kim, Brian and I believe even Tim (he had a brown early 70's Dodge Duster at the time) and throw them in jail and throw away the keys. Dad says all he could do and still does is grin about that. He never caught those Hoskins boys, no matter how hard he tried.

Dad tells of his sister Sis's Cadillac of the late 50's and that Adam seemed to always have the fastest cars around. Uncle Richard I believe could make a car spin on a dime no matter what.

Aaron gets all starry eyed and wants Poppa Albert to go back with him and see if any of these vehicles are still around, but reality sets in as he knows full well that these are long gone, only a fond memory to be passed down to me, then him and then to his future children .



Chris Hoskins when he was younger.

Albert and Pat now enjoy popping in on Lester and Judy now and then in Middletown California. He always seems to get to talk to one of Lester's boys. Whether it's Mike out and about working or Little Les putting up a display to win the annual Xmas lighting contest where he lives they always seem to enjoy the visit.

Dad and Mom go up near South Lake Tahoe to a favorite spot to fish for trout as it is closer than the Lassen Area trips mentioned above. He always seems to bring back at least 1 rainbow trout as mom fishes or just relaxes and reads

Trips to and from California to Illinois to live and work as well as to Colorado and back to Illinois and ultimately back to California where we reside currently are always out there. As I get older I catch onto the family unit that is Albert and Pat Hoskins and there 4 children and 3 grandkids and what their legacy is to possibly be. As is almost assuredly the case with the rest of his sisters and brothers there are good memories and not so good ones and dad tells me and his grand kids of these but to detail them all Jim would have to create a book well over 6 inches thick, if he has not already done this.

Albert and Pat dated and before you know it 1<sup>st</sup> son Brian came along. They lived their early married life in the LA area, Inglewood, Gardena, Lawndale areas, etc to be more precise and had 2<sup>nd</sup> son Trent and then 3<sup>rd</sup> son, (Me) Chris; Brandy did not come along until we lived in Broomfield Colorado in 1973

I, Albert, have 3 sons, Brian, Trent and Chris and 1 daughter Brandy, the youngest at 38.

**(Albert)** Chris has been happily married to one Talahi M Hughes of Orangevale, California since May of 1991. He started his own Plumbing business in June of 1992, and it is still a viable endeavor. Talahi does Backflow prevention testing for water quality associations and GC/subcontractors all over northern California, when she is not running the business end of Hoskins Mechanical. She enjoys quilting and sewing by hand items and has provided several to the Hoskins Family reunion. They have a daughter Jessica Marie, age 20 this year and a son Aaron Christopher Scott who turns 17 on March 21<sup>st</sup>. My mom, Eva Hoskins, birthday, that's a good memory I passed onto Aaron.

**(Albert)** Brandy 38 has a daughter Samantha that is 15 this year. Brandy is single and loving life. She has a good job as a senior procurement officer in a worldwide electronic calibrations company based near here. Brandy is also the only female lead inspector for Northern California MMA activities. She travels all over California to perform her inspection functions and has been on Showtime MMA bouts and really enjoys this line of work as well. Her and Samantha enjoy taking frequent trips to her so called "husbands" place in Ensenada' Mexico LOL

**(Albert)** I am very proud of my grandchildren. Jessica graduated from Bella Vista High School with a perfect 4.0 A+ average Valedictorian over her 4 years at the high school her mom, Talahi, attended in Orangevale, near where we now live. She is at this point going to College at Sierra College in Rocklin



Chris, Jessica, and Talahi



and on the presidents honor roll. She is studying graphic arts and design and is actively doing glass arts when not doing other work. At this writing she also works Human Resources, equipment dispersal, Motel front manager, and Cafeteria management at Boreal Ridge Ski Resort near Truckee California. She seems to be handling both work and school life well. Red headed and smart, what a combination.

**(Albert)** Aaron is a junior at Bella Vista High school. He is studying in ROP to be a mechanic and who doesn't need a good one of those, even a shade tree one. He has a part time job at a local auto repair shop for school credit, and really enjoys doing automotive and being able to work on his own truck when not on his employer's customer's cars. He has his own 1970 Dodge Power wagon Truck and has taken over his dad's 1970 Dodge Challenger, not without a fight mind you. He hopes to continue on in this field and go to Tech school after high school (WYO- Tech/Cheyenne, Wyoming) and put a career into auto mechanics. Oh by the way the little shit is as tall as his grandfather and father and only 17.

**(Albert)** Samantha is a freshman at another local High school, Casa Roble. She is getting adjusted to the high school life with a little help from ....AUGH.... a boyfriend already. She is actively involved in MMA as is her mom. She enjoys advanced arts in school and seems to be good at it. Can speak French and Italian but needs more work in Spanish due to her and her mom's frequent trips to Ensenada' Mexico. But she is respectful of her grandparents as are the other 2, if not her mom Brandy cracks the whip.



Above from left to right in Back: *Friends Connie, Mark, Tammy,*  
*Family Jessica, Pat, Brandy, Chris, Talhi,* Front: *Jonny, Samy, Albert, & Aaron*

(Chris) Trent and Brian, the oldest two children of Albert and Pats are around but updates to them are sparse. Trent I believe resides in Rancho Cordova is an electrician and is single. While Brian at our last meeting was married and living at/near downtown Sacramento. No children known of as of this writing.

(Albert) To wit all the Hoskins Brothers and sisters, daughters and sons of Harry and Eva May Hoskins have lived full and eventful lives.

(Albert) I am having my youngest son Chris, (46 years of age) write this down as I discuss some good memories and maybe even some not so good ones.

(Chris) This endeavor by Cousin Jim is a good thing but as I write this for dad I realize he does not always want to open up on every detail of his life but he gives me bits and pieces that I can put into this writing.

Just when I think that the reunion is possibly fading we get tidbits out here in the west that reassures us that this maybe is going to be around for quite a while.

(Chris) The Hoskins family when discussed with friends is said to be remarkable. By this I mean to have held an annual family reunion every year for 50 years and have histories studied and documented is, what some of my friends say is, remarkable. Some of them can not even be in the same room with relatives for an hour let alone a whole weekend together. This is probably true for some of us Hoskins clan as well. The Positive comments I get from friends when we talk of family and subsequent reunions and that we hold the reunion at the basic starting point of the Hoskins Clan is what makes me feel that Granddad and Grandma Hoskins have nothing but pride when they look down upon the family and where everyone is today. They most assuredly would be proud of each and every descendant that has come along.

Happy 50th reunion to the whole Hoskins Family and expanded family as well the, Spains, Smiths, Johnsons, Browns, Hughes, Hasselbergs, Adams, Dodds, Piatts, Mays, Brooks, Flacks, Martins, Cains, Goldens, Rodgers, Douchetts, Hardestys, Cundiffs, Marrows, Quicks, Birds, Wells, Porters, Sidwells, Taylors, Hatfields, Van Leers, Hobaughs, Humphreys, Lanhams, and the immeasurable amounts more.

*Written in 2012 by Albert L and Patricia A Hoskins with help from Son Chris and input by the grandkids, daughter Brandy and daughter in law Talahi*



Above: Pat and Albert at the 2005 Hoskins Reunion.

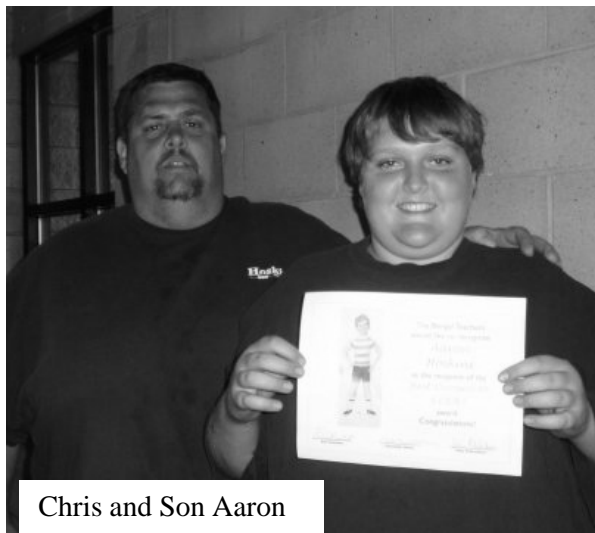


Above: Albert with his brother Richard 2005.





Above: abt 1974, Albert Holding Brandy, Brian, Trent & Pat, Chris in front.



Chris and Son Aaron



Above: 1970's? Chris and Brian in back, Trent, Pat, Albert and Brandy.



C-N photo by John Swart

### Egg-spectation

Chris Hoskins, 11, of Alvin, points out a pile of eggs to his sister, Brandy, 3. More than 100 youngsters hopped through the Village Mall.

Saturday morning gathering as many candy eggs as they could find. Brandy won a mood ring, one of 40 prizes that were given away.



Above: Trent Hoskins & Puppy



## Roseville High student wins trip to Austria

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### Roseville H wins free trip to vienna

By MARK ANDERSON  
Of The Press-Tribune

ROSEVILLE — When 16-year-old Brandy Hoskins returns to Roseville High School next year, she'll have a plenty to tell about her summer vacation.

She's going on a treasure hunt in one of Europe's oldest capital cities — Vienna.

Along with everyone in Roseville teacher Deidre Dahlberg's German class, Hoskins was assigned a contest quiz in April. She said she thought it was a fun assignment, but she didn't think she'd win.

On the last day of school, she found she had won an all-expense-paid trip to Austria.

After completing her first year of German, she said she knows enough basics to get around, and she'll be with 10 other American contest winners touring Vienna in Austria.

She leaves for the former throne of the Austro-Hungarian empire in August, but in the meantime she's continuing at her job in a Rocklin Pizza parlor.

Her grandfather and some other family members moved to America from Germany, but she said she took the language primarily as a college requirement.

The contest is sponsored by the Austrian and German governments and the American Association of Teachers of German.

She doesn't yet know the complete itinerary for the trip, but she has been promised a treasure hunt in Vienna and a chance to meet Vienna's mayor.

Dahlberg, who has taught at Roseville High for 16 years, said this is the first time she has offered the contest to her high school students.

"They sent a packet of material, 'Get to Know Europe Contest,' that required knowledge of Central Europe," Dahlberg said.

It was a quiz on German-speaking countries and how they relate to the U.S., Dahlberg said.

"(The students) could use any resources possible, and they were encouraged to work together in groups to answer 32 multiple-choice questions," she said, adding that while most of the questions were not difficult, there were some tricky ones.

Of more than 100,000 entries nationwide, half were thrown out for incorrect answers.

Another Roseville student, Jeremy Medina, a graduating senior, won a T-shirt.

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Brandy Hoskins holds a map of Austria and famous Austrian horses she expects to see during her two-week tour in August. She won a contest sponsored by the Austrian and German.



To the Right: Brandy and Daughter Samy





## Lester Dale Hoskins

By Himself 2012

Looking back... Where I've come from. What I've done and places I've been. It's been a trip. A living experience for me and my family. I was born in Grandpa John May's house just north of the tracks in Potomac, IL.. So I've been told and what I can remember.

In 1942 my father went off to join the war, but was turned down because he had seven children at home. About a year later I was born on March of 1943 to Harry and Eva May Hoskins. The 7<sup>th</sup> child of the 7<sup>th</sup> son. Guess I was lucky. (*Actually 7<sup>th</sup> Son of 1<sup>st</sup> Son.*)

I first started remembering things in my life about 3 years old. There was a train that run through the back yard. About this time we moved to the hills, which became "The Hills of Hawbuck" to my family and anyone that read the Middle Fork Journal Newspaper.

My father and older brothers built a small house on the 40 acres, with used material and trees on our land. It was big enough for us all on cold winter nights with no electric, gas or running water. There was no utility bills. We heated and cooked on wood stoves. Got our water from a neighbors flowing artesian well, Mr. Story. We carried the water by bucket and hauled it by the barrel.

We always had farm animals and a large garden. We raised most of our food. Canned it and stored it in a dug cave, a way of life back then.

When we went or came from town, pop would stop at the river and he let us play on sand bars and skip rocks, just up from the stream from the swimming hole with a long cable swing. This was a great place and at the right time for us, the river bordered half of the 40 acres and the place was covered with Oak, Elm, Walnut, and Hickory trees. With spring came flowers blooming, wild onions, water crest, and mushrooms. And all sorts of wild berries and Hazel Nut bushes, which we made bows and arrows, and wiener roast sticks, and sometimes switches.

We were poor, but had so much. Our father and mother owned the property. Yes we went without some things, but I don't remember going hungry. But as time passes, we tend to remember the good times and let the hard times go.



Lester 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Around the age of 10 my father hurt his back, so we moved back to Potomac at the edge of town in a three story house on 15 acres. The best of two worlds. We could walk to school, grocery store, gas station, and Morris Drug Store, where you could get a Cherry Coke for 10 cents. If you had 10 cents. In the summer there was free movies and square dances. And Uncle Fred always had beer in the trunk of his car, didn't need a key.

Around the age of 12 pop fixed up 2 old mowers. My little brother and I (When you could find him.) started mowing yards and raking leaves to make some money. Pop kept the mower sharp and running.



The next summer I bought a used mower from Jack Prillams Hardware for \$18.00. Jack let me make payments on it. Mother was our bookkeeper. She was a good keeper. But we always had a little spending money.

At the age of 15 pop bought a small tractor and with a flat bed trailer that brother Bill left behind we started plowing gardens and hauling trash or whatever for a few bucks. In the evenings or weekends I worked for Cap Craighton that owned the Sinclair gas station. He was a great guy to work for. When he'd pay me. He'd take out what Pop and I owed him for gas and give 2 packs of Lucky Strikes for Pop. But sometimes only one made it home.

After turning 16 I didn't attend school much and Pop had an old flat bed truck. I stayed busy hauling and doing odd jobs. I done a lot of work for Fred and Claude Duncan. Fred had me building straight wood fences, repairing roofs and barns at his farm. Claude was a funny and nice guy. Fred was a grand old guy.

When I was 17 mother and father took me to California to live with my brother Bill. I had been there a few years earlier, this time I wanted to go.

After a few months I went to work at Western Tile Co. then Brother Bill helped me get my first car 1950 Chevy coupe. At Western Tile I work with Judy's family. That how I met Judy A Dodd she was born in Hot Springs Ark. in February of 1946. She was raised in the San Joaquin Valley of central California. When I met her she lived in Wilmington California. She was only 15, after her 16th birthday we were married on March 2nd 1962. I was 18.

Our first apartment was small. Our first grocery bill was \$9.99 and we filled up our kitchen. We lived in El Monte Ca. and worked in South El Monte at Stream Line Trailer Co. Installing cabinets and appliances making \$2.10 per hour. Our first son was born there Randall Dale Hoskins, March of 1963 at West Covina Ca. Hospital.

In 1964 I took a job at Boles Aero Trailer Co. in San Fernando Valley Ca. as a inspector and we lived in a small house in Tujunga Ca. when our 2nd son was born Michael Dale Hoskins born in July of 1965 at Glendale Hospital Ca.

Tujunga was a great place to live. My two brothers Adam and Bill lived about 8 miles up Big Tujunga Canyon by a nice stream. A neat place for children and young adults.

In 1967 I had enough of the city life and headed to Potomac Ill. We arrived there on my 24th birthday. We moved into a small house north end of town that belonged to my father.

Later Pop sold it to us for \$2,000.00. It need a lot or work. Judy and I fix it up and added on to it and live there until 1972.



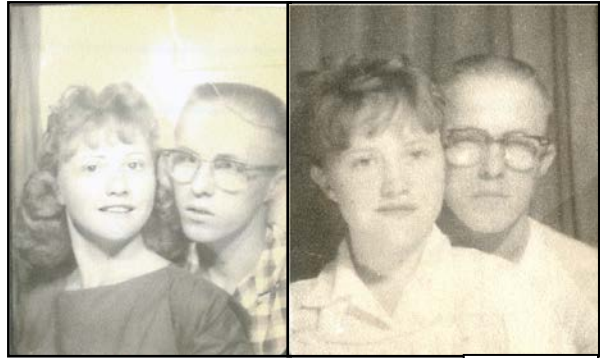
Aunt Penny wrote: I spent a lot of my teenage years at the ole Clark Morris Drug Store and drank a lot of Cherry Cokes there. It was a teen hang out for a lot of us clear up to even after the Fulks bought it.



At first I work odd jobs for Gary May and with my brother Pete. A few months later I went to work for David Isaacson Const. You could say he was an ass. But I didn't care I wanted to learn the trade. After a year I became Forman with the help of a good old carpenter Bill Byrd.

What I didn't know, he taught me. We work together for 4 years.

In May of 1969 our third son Lester Dale Hoskins Jr. was born. We still lived in Potomac Lester Jr. was born in Lakeview Hospital in Danville Ill.



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In 1972 we move to Alvin Ill. After returning from a vacation I found out that Dave had fired my buddy Bill. We never got along after that.

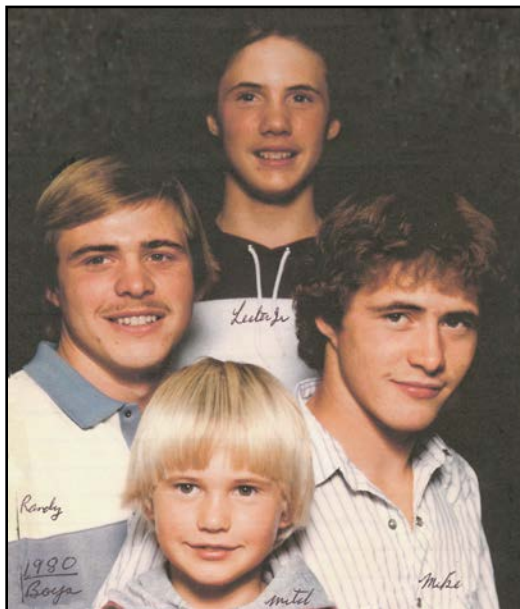
I quit him 4 times over the next few years. Even moved to Colorado, twice in one summer.

In the spring of 1974 I had enough and quit Dave for good. At the time of living in Alvin Ill. I and my brother Harold started Hoskins' Brother's Const.

We were doing ok and making ends meet. After awhile we began building houses. Little did I know at the time Dave Isaacson **was** sending me customers. Soon after that we were joined by 3 older brothers Albert, Adam, and Bill.

In February of 1975 our 4th son was born Mitchell Dale Hoskins. We lived in Alvin Ill. He was born at Lakeview Hospital in Danville Ill. The business done good for a few years. But like everything in life it came to a end sooner or later. So in December of 1980 I sold my home. Paid off the mortgage and bills and headed west. I was 37 years old and looking for warmer weather.

So we ended up in Hidden Valley Lake just north of Middletown Ca. in Lake County. I'd visited here years before.



We had everything we needed nice lake full of bass and a golf course. There was work here if you wanted to work. It's a beautiful place to live.

My family over the last 32 years has built over 100 custom homes with our company Hoskins and sons.

Randy worked at first for the union but joined us in the late 80s. Mike has been with us since he got out of school in 83. Lester Jr. worked at hardware and had his own auto repair shop, but joined us in middle 90s. Mitch worked at hardware, & a auto parts store and gold mine. He joined us in the late 90s.

In 2005 I sort of retired Judy and I've traveled and went fishing, mostly in Northern California. It's a great place to live mountains, river, small streams and the ocean all within a few hours' drive.

Judy's been our bookkeeper. What she done with all that money I'll never know. Judy A Dodd Hoskins has been my best friend for over 50 years. On March 2nd 2012 it will be 50 years of marriage. We got married the same year mother and others started the Hoskins Reunion.

Judy and I've lived in 8 new homes in Hidden Valley. Now we live on 5 acres call Rancho's with a flowing well in the back yard and I still heat my house with a wood stove, like we did in the Hills of Hawbuck.

Our oldest son Randy married Gay Lynn and he has a 20 year old son, Jeremy. He goes to Jr. College and works at the grocery store.

Our second son Mike is married to Janina. Mike has a 25 year old daughter Tamara. She is a school teacher and married to Jacob Slaight. Mike's wife Janina has three children Donny, Abby, and Nikolac.

Our 3rd son Lester Dale Jr. is married to Tasha and he has a 20 year old son going to tech. school and working at a hardware store. Les' wife Tasha has three adult children Jackie, Clayton, and Trever.

Our 4th son Mitch is soon to be married to Jessica Adam. He has two boys. Bennett 10 and Braden 5 years old.

As far as my belief in God, I do. My mother once told me as a young boy. If I didn't straighten up the devil was coming to get me. The only way I could get rid of that thought was to talk to God and pray.

Which I still do almost every day or night.

When I was a young man. I was having lunch with Grandpa Truman and his bride Grandma. Layton Hoskins. When she got out her bible I ask her if she ever attended church. She said yes. But you don't have to go to church to believe in God. I never attended church again. There was other reasons. I never like sitting or being a part of a group.

I talk and pray to God for everyone and my loved ones. I've always respected others believes and I expect the same from others.

I'm proud to be one of the 10 children of Harry and Eva May Hoskins they had 4 sons and a red headed girl, 4 sons and red headed girl.

Judy and I had 4 sons. STOP. We didn't need any red headed girl anyway 4 sons is enough.

Judy and I've traveled this country a number of times but mostly in Northern California, where there is so much to see. Sometimes I think I didn't do well in school because I couldn't sit, read or look at pictures, I wanted to go see for myself. Now at 69 years old. Now I have time to sit, read, look at pictures and mostly write. But I wouldn't change a damn thing. It's been good.

Mother told me to treat people a little better than they treated you. Pop's words were stand your ground and take care of yourself. If you don't, you can't help others. That's the way I've tried to live my life.

In February of 2012 Judy's 66th birthday.

Yours truly Lester D. Hoskins Sr.





Lester and Judy



Randy

Mike

Lester Jr

Mitch



Picture Left Randy's Family: Jeremy, Gay Lynn, and Randy.

Bottom Left: Randy & Gay Lynn.

Bottom Right Mike's Family: Mike, Janina, Mike's daughter Tamara & her husband Jacob, Front row Janina's children, Nickolas, Abby, & Donnie.







Tasha & Lester Jr.



Lester Dale Hoskins III  
Goes by Dale



Bennett, Braden, Mitch &  
Jessica



## Harold Eugene Hoskins

By Harold 2012

I hope I can remember yesteryear:

Mom and dad lived in the house on the southwest corner of Amity and May St, in the village of Potomac, aka Marysville, IL. I was born in the house, in the front room, so I was told, on Oct. 4th, 1944, which coincided with my brother John's birthday, and he was to be 18 on that date.

My earliest recollection of my child hood would be my mother holding me and letting me touch this fuzzy brush on a long axle thing with lots of pulleys and such... later to be told it was the shoe repair tool that my dad had in his cobbler's shop.

Then I recall sitting on my mother's lap (dang, I musta been a momma's boy), watching my dad and brothers install the bell atop our little cabin in the woods that was to become known as hills of Hawbuck and the Silver Bell Ranch. This is where all my really memorable memories are derived. Twas a fine place to be raised seemed as though it was a thousand acres big in my mind. It stretched all the way from the turtle tree on the river's edge clean all the way up to the crooked oak. Then west to the river, just over the hill from where Brother John's cabin was to be. The western and southern boundaries as we knew them, wud be the meandering of the Middlefork of the Vermilion River that looped back over to the turtle tree.

I recall the bus picking everyone up at the gate except for Penny aka Pinky and myself. We were to amuse ourselves as only kids can as mom's routine was busy with cleaning up the best she could with the time she had to spare and doing laundry and hanging it on the line. Oft time the ole Maytag, kick start, gasoline powered washing machine would give her fits to the point that she would just give in, and do other things. this time often would be spent with her writings, while Penny and I played with the pups, goats, pet raccoons, and whatever other animals happened to be on the farm.....she love to do paintings, sewing, working in the garden. the water was fetched from the well over on Irvine Story's place by the bucket, or on wash days (or the day before), with a drag sled with barrels of water, hat was pulled by a horse or two, that was until we got the David Bradley garden tractor. It would not pull as much per load as the horses but it was a lot more fun. We would fill the barrels from the well a bucket at a time, then toss a flat board that floated on top thus reducing the amount of water that was to be sloshed out of the barrel by the time we got to the house. I was never in charge of this job, but loved riding the sled.

Penny's and my adventures would oft time lead us up to the old crooked oak, which was to become our cowboy and Indian forts, our pirate ship, or whatever else we could imagine it to be. A lot of times we played off the path that led to John's cabin in a small gravel pit.... there was always enough mud and dirt there to make it fun. We were not allowed to go to the river by ourselves, always had to wait for older sibs to watch us.

The first day of school for me was not a great one, I wanted to go home... and I started bawling, Mrs. Downing tried to console me, but a class mate (Steve), laughed at me,,, so I broke his fancy extra long pencil over his head. I spent the day in the coat room. The old school was a humongous brick structure with a belfry on the front and a flag pole out front, and a side walk leading to a well out in middle of the playground. My favorite was the "May Pole" with the chains with handles that we played on til we were either wore out, hurt or



the bell rang. This is the same playground that became the center of all activities on Saturday nights, with the free shows and the young couples "watching" the movies, while all wrapped up in blanket. Took me a while to figure that one out, as it was too dang warm for blankets most of the time. Evidently I learned to cope, cause I did make it through school.

I could write and speak volumes of time spent on the river or up by the barn near where the bittersweet patch was. Like the time Bruno and I were heading down toward Selsor Ford, and Bruno kept knocking me down and I got up and shoved him. Finally he ran a few feet and grabbed a water moccasin snake and killed it. Or the time cousin, little Freddie came over to spend the week end. Twas a Saturday afternoon on a warm summers day, we were told to stay away from the deep hole just north of the swimming hole. Well Freddie did not heed the warning and went thus. After he went under once, we all started screaming, and here came Sis in her fancy dress and Sunday go to meeting shoes, all dolled up for the square dance. When she ran to see what was a going on and Freddie was going under again, she dove in, head first, clothes and all, and retrieved the poor soul to a safe place on the bank of the river only to realize she had lost one of her shoes in the river. She commenced to beat the crap out of him, I thought that was weird, saving someone - then trying to kill him, lol.



The old farmstead, if you want to call it that, was a hub of a lot of weekend activities, twas not unusual to have families start pulling in the drive shortly after daybreak to let the kids run wild and for the adults to visit. As dinner approached, oft time mom wud hand Pete the 22 rifle to get a chicken or two or three. He was good at that, but when it came time to clean the chickens, he always seemed to get sick. Or if we were to be a having chili for dinner, wud just have to add a little more water to it, lol. Mom saved all the cans (coffee, bean, and other kinds), and we used them for chili bowls and we would go through the chow line, in the front door, fill up, and out the back door, to find a place that was "high and dry" so as the dog's and chickens would not try to get our food. We sat on tractors, planters, atop the cars, whatever to protect our bounty from the critters. When the light company people came to put electricity into the cabin... mom invited the crew to come for dinner on Sunday. That night after they turned on the electric, I remember my mom pulling her chair up to where she could spy the only ceiling mounted light at that time, and said she was gonna sit there the whole night through relishing the idea that "she did not have to fill it up with kerosene". And we knew we were getting electric the Christmas before, as dad bought us a Lionel electric train set, we dang near wore that thing out pushing it around and around til we got electric.



I "fondly" remember that dad would have the boy's (older boys) cut so many trees a day to store up for winter. Well, being as I was too you to really help, and mom made the older boys take us along on the adventure, they would oft time make me (and my other young sibs), climb the tree that they were about to fell. If we did not want to, they threatened us til we did so. It was fun when the tree fell forward, but when it fell backwards, you had to hang on for dear life. Oft times that did not really work, as you would hit the ground once you lost your grip.

I could reminisce and then some on the time on the 40 acres where my best childhood years was spent. But due to dad's injury at Chanute Field and his bad back, mom decided it was time to move to town. This was after spending a year at the woods Burton/Acton place up north at the "T" that went to Grey's Ford. We moved to where grandpa "Pruney" (*Truman Hoskins*) and Grandma Carrie lived, on May Street. I remember the little house with a nice little porch on the front, and a oversize closet that was to become our (the younger boy's) bedroom. Had a coal/cob house out behind that we fetched fuel, for the wood stove, from daily. There was a huge lilac bush in the back yard that I thought was fantastic...

A couple of my recollections while living there was when Penny was about to have a birthday and she invited all the girls from her class to a birthday party, but she forgot to inform mom til right before the happening was to happen. Sis and mom improvised the best they could and Sis went to bob Taylor's I.G.A. and bought some little hats. It turned out great, except Sis and Penny mandated that us boys had to leave... no cake, no fun, no teasing the girls. Another would be that mom insisted we attend Sunday School. The church was straight up the street, and she would watch us til we entered. Did not take her long to find out that we went right out the back door and to town we went, and spent our nickel that was intended for offering on ice cream cones instead... and if we were lucky enough to find pop bottles, we refunded them for 2 cents each, and wud buy another soda pop for a nickel too, so Sunday was fun til mom lowered the boom, or should I say broom.

One day dad said we are moving to the Nobe Taylor place down on Maple Street,, had to think about that cause there were not a single street sign in town at that time. But it turned out to be a great move. A huge house, with like 13 rooms, and indoor plumbing. The house had 4 huge rooms plus a bathroom, right a real bathroom, in the basement. Being as I slept in the rooms on the top floor (3rd floor), it was easier to open a window, climb out on flat roof, and pee off the side of the roof, then to run down all those stairs. Until one night, dad happened to be walking around the house and we accidently peed on him, if he could have climbed the stairs - I surely would not be here today, but we got a good cursing, to say the least. No more peeing off the roof. This was a wonderful place to live, and we had a juke box and a barber chair, thus we became the envy of all the kids in town. It was about this time that I heard mom say a phrase I will never forget, "you are no better than anyone, but you are just as good", so we stopped gloating. This place had 17 acres and all but the house was not inside the city limits, so we had cows, chickens, sheep and other animals. I fondly remember the big artesian well that flowed into a pond just south of the big barn. We played in and around that pond, barn, heck all over the place like Honyocks, and we practically lived on the Blue Grass River and the Middlefork. Making rafts, fishing, swimming, ice hockey - or our version thereof. The ole barn was the most unique barn I have ever encountered. The animals lived in the "walk out" basement, and the hay loft was huge, and you could drive right up into it.

Just below the barn was a small meadow that was liken to nothing we ever had. It was a race track for our go carts; it was a race track for the older boys "fender bender race cars", Adam's

Hudson, Richards Ford etc.. One day one of the kids, Sis or Adam I don't recall, took dad's nice 54 Olds down there and was going round and round. Dad upon seeing this, jumped in their car, and down over the hill he went and started cutting donuts with it. Well that was the end of using dad's car for that kind of fun. Our favorite place to play was across the Bluegrass over in the woods. One day while riding our bikes around the cemetery we saw a huge pile of artificial flowers that "Bogie" had removed from the graves. We asked him if we could have them and he was more than glad to get rid of them. We carried flowers the whole of one day to the woods cross the creek. We made a "super cabin from sticks, twigs and small trees and covered them with those artificial flowers. Dad seldom walked that far, but one day shortly after the building of our dream hideout, he and mom walked down there and saw all these flowers that they thought we stole off of graves. I don't think I ever seen my dad and mom both that mad at one time together. It took a lot of pleading and begging for mercy to not be whipped within an inch of our lives and convincing them both, that the flowers were not "ill gotten". He made us get in the car to go confess to Harold Boggess. Luckily Harold "Bogie" Boggess confirmed that what we told mom and dad was the truth. Whew.

Back to the ole barn, it had a sloped, almost flat roof that we liked to play on, and had high beams on each end so mom and dad could not see us there. We heard rumors that if you cut the whiskers off of a cat's face on one side and tossed him, he would tumble that direction, and if you cut them off the other they would tumble in that direction. Well in the interest of "science" we tried it, and it worked, and if you cut them off both sides the tumbled every which a way. Heck our neighbor (Roy) had plenty of cats to work with, when he found out, he hated me til the day he died.

It was about this time that I realized girls were cute, and the roof of the barn was a super place to pitch woo, climb up the tree onto the roof, and the world was none the wiser. Within the barn, was usually oodles of bales of hay that were great for making hideouts, also the barn was a great place to hide cigarettes and rum crook cigars that we could buy back then. All we had to do was tell the clerk they were for dad. Oh, speaking of rum crook cigars, they were better for chewing then they were for smoking. One hot summer day, while disking the field across the creek with the little Allis Chalmers, I commenced to chew my rum soaked cigar, and I spit, and spat, and spat upon the wheel of the tractor, I was soooo "grown up". After that when I walked in the house, my mom asked me if I had been chewing tobacco, whereupon I abruptly denied any such deed. Not to fool mom one iota. She told me to go look in the mirror. Whereupon it was obvious that I done chawed for there were specks of chaw covered with dust all over my face and I got a switching, not for chawing, but for telling such a outright lie. Like the time I got a switching for climbing outside of top story window, onto the flat roof and shimmy'n down the porch post. For I knew if I walked thru the 2nd level, mom and dad wud surely hear my footsteps. But somehow they knew, and I never done that again either, lol.

We had an ole blue roan short horn Jersey milk cow, and we had to milk here morning and nightly. One morning the ole cow got out and mom called the school to have the principal send us home to get the cow back in. Well it was after lunch, didn't take too long, so



we just took off to the river and played til schools out time. No one was the wiser, so the next day, we left the gate open, and it was a repeat of the day before, on the third day, the principal called mom and that was the end of the "perfect hooky" days.

Speaking of school, loved the old school house with the big pipe fire escapes, it made for many a memory.

This pretty well puts me up through grade school.

Mom and dad sold the big "Nobe Taylor" place to John, and we moved into John's place in the north end of town. In July of 1959 Sis, Blanch, Lester, Penny and myself jumped in Sis's new Buick convertible and headed to California. Mom and dad followed soon thereafter, and there are chapters to be written about this trip.

Penny and I returned to Illinois with mom and dad after a few months. We sold our house to Bill and Barb and bought the Payne house on South Maple St across the street from John and Kay (the Nobe Taylor place). I went to Potomac High School til the end of my junior year when again we went to California to stay with Bill.

We moved into house next to Bill's and I went to George Washington High School. Mom and dad and Lester and Sis rented a place on 186th street in south Gardena and went to Gardena High School for a short spell. Dad bought an ole 50 Chevy woody station wagon, and he and mom and Penny headed to Illinois, with me staying with Brother Bill again. I transferred back to G.W. High where I graduated in summer class of June of 1962 in a class that was larger in number then the population of my home town. Now that was just one semester of seniors that was over the population of Potomac. I worked three jobs that summer (service station, tire place and drycleaners). I rented an apartment on Century Blvd, Los Angeles a month before I turned 18.

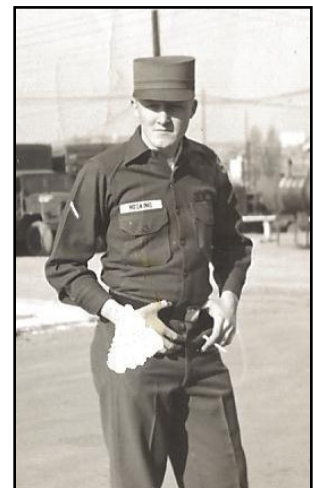
After a month I realized I needed help with rent so a friend of mine, George Theesefeld, moved in. there was a swimming pool. Also there were 17 single gals and 12 single guys and the one married couple that lived in the apartment complex, and most of the ladies were airline stewardesses. I worked at the dry cleaners until March of 1963 when George and I joined the Army; he got deferred due to ear problem.

I went to Fort Ord California for boot camp, then to Ft. Gordon, Georgia for A.I.T., then was stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. I was at Ft. Chaffee when I got word mom was terminally ill, so I went home just in time to see her before she passed. I was transferred to Korea and I left Los Angeles harbor, Oakland, California, via ship (and went under the golden gate bridge). I had previously crossed the bridge via car on way to see Bill, who had during this time moved to Clearlake, California.



When I returned from California, we flew over the Golden Gate Bridge and landed at San Francisco Int'l airport. I was then stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. While at Ft. Lewis I deployed to Dominican Republic TDY, when Trujillo was overthrown. I worked in the "Castle" of Trujillo as the U.S. Army had confiscated it for use as headquarters.

While in Dominican Republic, I was able to take a leave to come home to Illinois for my little sister's wedding. I was to walk her down the aisle as dad was





hurting a bunch with his back and all. But at the church, in the basement, awaiting the ceremony, I pulled out a pint of good whiskey and offered dad a shot; he drank over half of it and said "I can do this". I said "What". He said "I can walk her down the aisle", and he did. Heck I cudda sent him a bottle of whiskey and saved the trip home, just kidding. Went back to Ft. Lewis from Dom. Rep., and mustered out of the army with my good buddy Dave Johnson. Dave was only person that I went all the way through the army with from start to finish; tho we were in Korea together at different camps.

I forgot to mention, while on leave prior to going to California, Penny asked me to stop by her friend's house in Gardena that she had gone to school with. So I did. Upon arriving at the address, Kenneth Piatt was working in his yard, I introduced myself to him and he remembered me as one of the "Wild Bunch" that lived across the road. Anyways, this cute blond walked out



the front door of their house, I asked Mr. Piatt if I could ask his daughter out on a date, his reply was "not her, she is too young, but you can ask her older sister". That's how I met Marilyn, the older sister.

After getting out of the military, in March of 1966, I returned to Los Angeles area where my buddy George was, and my brother's Adam and Albert were also. George was heading to Iowa. Adam was getting married. I rented a house from my brother Albert. Started working at a brokerage firm downtown Los Angeles, it was like a branch of Wall Street. I had applied also for a job at an aircraft factory doing what I did in the military (communications, crypto etc). They called me. I went to work for North American Aviation, which later became North American Rockwell, etc. the company that built the Sabre Jet, the B1 Bomber and many other military planes. I married the older sister on June 24 1966. We lived in the little house behind Albert's, til we rented an apartment on Van Ness, where we lived when Dwayne and Jeff were born. We went on vacation

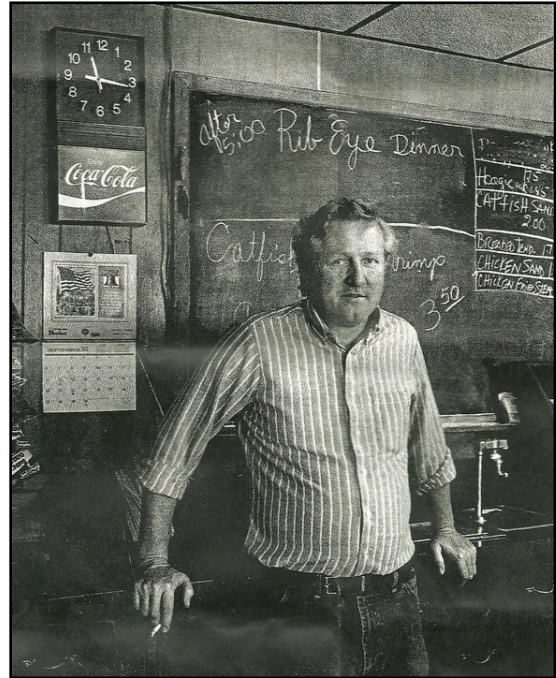
to Illinois in 1969, and I broke my arm motorcycle riding, so decided to stay here. I went to work at Westinghouse in Danville and also opened up the white kitchen. In January of 70 Marilyn's mom called and said she had terminal cancer, so I quit my job, sold the cafe and headed for Diamond Bar, California. We bought a house on Wright Street, Westmont area of Pomona, California. I worked as a concrete finisher at this time. North American aviation called me to see if I wanted my old job back, and I did. Roger was born when we lived here. Marilyn's mom (Lola Piatt) passed away in July of 1971.

In October of 1974 I realized I did not want to raise my kids in Los Angeles area so we headed to Illinois.

We bought a house in Alvin, where we lived when Andrew was born. After a few odd jobs Lester and I started Hoskins construction. That lasted until about 1980, and Lester moved to California. I continued construction and bought Hobe Reeves old restaurant which we operated til 1989, when I realized kids were not going to help so I turned it into apartments and bought the Ray Talbott place (gas station, house and shop).  
Sold the apartments/café.

Prior to taking on the cafe we took a extended vacation zigzagged across the states to Washington state, down the coast stopping several places, to my father in laws in Diamond Bar, and back home in no straight line. We sold the Ray Talbott place and moved into our present abode.

I continued Construction until I "blew" my knees and was almost in need of knee replacement. This was about 1997. Unable to do meaningful work, Marilyn went to work for D.C.F.S. and I applied for disability and kept eye on kids. In the mean time we had adopted a few kids, and then we adopted a few more, and then we adopted all totaled 8, plus our four honyoks. That is about where we stand today, our oldest son (Dwayne) is a Chiropractor in Rossville Indiana (b. 1967). Next was Jeff who is in management with Charter Cable T.V., Westville, IL. (b. 1969). Then Roger just started out in a corporate job with Charter Cable in St. Cloud Minnesota (b. 1970). Andrew our youngest biological son just started working at the V.A. in Danville up in an office there (b. 1975).



Picture to the left:  
Back, Harold and  
Marilyn Hoskins,

Middle Row Left to  
Right,  
Jeff, Andrew, Roger

Front, Dwayne

Time Period abt. 1976



## 2012 Pictures ...



Dwayne



Jeff



Roger



Andrew



Sorry to say, I just skimmed over my lifetime, if I were to write it, it would take 67 years plus.

Picture Left: Harold and Marilyn

Adopted Children Include: Michael Marvin Hoskins, Martha Elizabeth Hoskins, Kenneth Michael Hoskins, Alden Robert Hoskins, Heather Susan Hoskins, Jeremiah Daniel Hoskins, Lesha Renee Hoskins, & Maranda Jackquenlyn Hoskins.

**Strictly business**

**Hoskins new owner of local chiropractic practice**

Dr. Dwayne Hoskins recently became the new owner of Dr. Sooley's practice at 11 E. Fairchild St.


The practice was previously owned and operated by Dr. Finney.

Hoskins is a native of Potomac, and graduated from Potomac High School in 1985. He graduated with his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington-Normal in 1989. He graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo., in 1992.

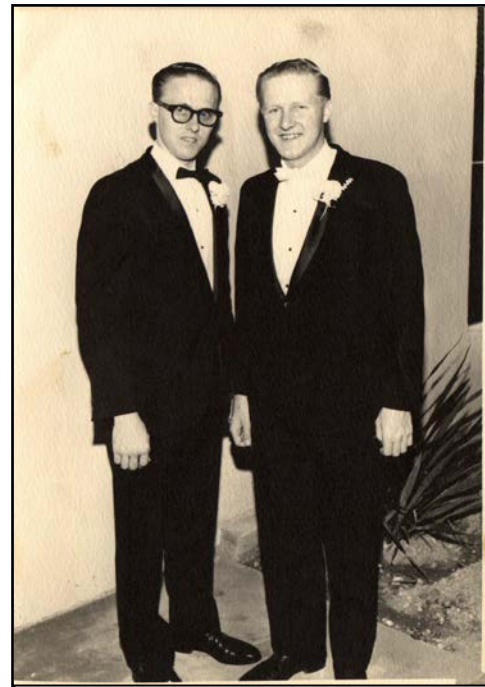
While at Logan College of Chiropractic, Hoskins received special training in chiropractic pediatrics.

He performed part of his internship and his residency at the Normal Chiropractic Clinic in Bloomington-Normal before relocating to Danville. He received his license from the State of Illinois in 1993.

Hours of operation at the practice will be rearranged to make service more available.



**Hoskins**



Brothers: Lester & Harold



## Esther (Penny) Hoskins

Written 2012 by Penny

The life of the Baby in the Harry and Eva Hoskins Family. Penny was born Feb of 1947 at St Elizabeth Hospital Danville, Ill. Only child of 10 to be born in a hospital. The rest of the heathens, other than my sister Eva, were born probably under a rock or cow patty and mom found them and felt sorry for them so she took them in!!!! (That's what all you boys deserve after telling me that for so many years!!!) Anyway, Dad told me I was "special ordered", he wanted 2 redheaded girls and I finally came along. We lived in a cabin down on the 40 acres known as "Hills of Hawbuck". The nickname "Penny" came because Sissy didn't like the lady that I was named after, she was a school teacher and a good friend of my mom. Sissy refused to call me by that name, so because my hair was copper red and lots of it when I was born I inherited the name Penny. Lots of good memories of my first few years down there. I can close my eyes and still smell the spring rains, outside the front door, there was a small stream of water that always seemed to rise up wherever there was a lot of rain. My earliest memory is of that stream, I was toddling around in a diaper chasing the chickens and mom was sitting on the stoop by the door, either reading or writing while watching me. I remember her laughter whenever I fell down in the water, it wasn't deep enough to even get very wet, but it was fun.

John and Kathryn lived over the hill in a very small cabin, and soon I had a playmate as Marilyn Sue came along. There were days when the rest of the kids would board the school bus and Mom would take me by the hand and we'd walk through the woods and she would point out the fairies homes under the big gigantic toadstools. She'd tell me stories of their lives, maybe that is why I am so fond of fairies and have a collection of them and gnomes today.



I enjoyed the ole swimming hole that my older siblings have told about in their stories. One time Harold and I were fighting over the swing and out we went, neither having a good grip and off we went into the deepest part of the creek. We were both fighting to get up to the top of the water, not realizing that we were drowning one another, when all of a sudden someone had us by the seat of our britches dragging us out of the water upon the bank. Brother Dick had just gotten home on leave and came down to see us younger ones at the swimming hole. Upon his arrival he seen what was going on and kicked off his good shoes and jumped in after us in his uniform. Boy, after he found out we were okay did we get our butts whooped. At the time we wished we'd of just drowned, cried all the way back to the house cause our swimming for that days was done!



Sis, Grandma Eva, & Penny

I remember the old well too! I loved going down with anyone that went to fetch water.

Of course I would stumble and fall more than I walked as the road had big ruts and the rocks in it we're so big to me. There was a little stream that ran by the well and on down to the creek, that is where I liked to play. There was a big gravel pit just up over the hill and sometimes the boys would let me go with them, Harold would always watch over me so that I wouldn't get hurt cause Lester, Sonny and Bob would do some pretty crazy things up there.

Once they talked Bob into walking the plank, it was a big long board that Lester and Sonny stood on while Bob walked out to the end of it. As he got to the end they would jump off and over the hill side he'd go! They would laugh and Bob would curse and cry. Funny thing, he'd let them talk him into it the next time we'd go down there, go figure! (*Note*

*Brother Lester and Cousins Bob Sidwell and Sonny, who was actually Thomas E. Hoskins Alberta's boy.)*

We owned a big red hog and Dad always told us to not play in the pen when she had little ones cause she was mean. One time we, (Lester, Harold, Sonny, Bob and I) were up playing in the pasture where we were not suppose to be, here she came and everyone took off for the gate, by the time I got there they close it and there I was screaming bloody murder cause I couldn't get out. I could smell her and thought that she was going to eat me when all of a sudden I went flying up through the air and landed in my daddy's arms. He put me down just as he wacked that ole hog right between the eyes with a two-by-four. Another whooping for us I never forgot!

There was an old Oak tree that was way up by the front gate that the boys use to climb but I was always too short to get up in it by myself and they more times than none wouldn't let me up with them. Went there a couple of years ago with Harold and Lester and laughed. It really wasn't that far from the house and we stood there leaning on the lower limb that I couldn't reach and would sit under crying till someone came and lifted me up or I just gave up and left.

I remember our mail man, Mr. Curt Sollars, he was great and if a package would come he'd deliver it the extra mile down the road to our house for a cup of coffee and visit.

During a couple of winters, the roads would be so bad to the farm that Dad would move us up to the old Acton place along the main road so that the older siblings wouldn't miss school. When the snows stopped we would move back to the 40 acres.

I started to school in Aug of 1953, and when I got on the bus I met my first and only friend I ever had besides relatives, her name was Noreen Humphreys. We were best friends all the way through school. Especially the time that we lived in the country before moving to town. To this day we still see one another and tell everyone that we are each other's oldest friend.

In 1956 we moved to town because Dad hurt his back at Chanute AFB and couldn't farm anymore, we moved into Grandpa Hoskins little Black House on May Street, next to Sam Burrows and across the street from Nina Danford, (they were school mates of mine). I liked Sam but Nina was a pain you know where! About a year later we moved into the old Nobe Taylor

place down on Maple Street. BIG house, 3 stories high with 13 rooms and one downstairs had a flowing artesian well in it. That was a great place to live too as there was a big work shed next to it that we played in, a big barn that was 2 stories high with lots of hay bales to make forts out of. Another artesian well down over the hill from the barn and it flowed into the creek. That creek had a cement dam across it that was wide enough that you could drive a vehicle over to the other side. We would play for hours down there.

Mom would come after us for fear that one of us was gonna get bitten by a water moccasin snake down there. To this day I don't know how we didn't get bit because we were always throwing things at those snakes trying to kill them and it would make them so mad they would chase us. That house was so big it was hard for mom to get up the stairs to clean the boys rooms on the 3rd floor. And cleaned it needed, whew, smelled of stinky socks and guinea pigs, the boys would let them run free! After about 2 or 3 years Dad traded John homes and we moved to the north end of town on Vermillion Street to a smaller house.

About this time is when Grandpa Prunie Married Grandma Nancy (Layton), they were both up in their 80's and doing pretty good on their own. I loved going to their house, it always smelled of baked goodies. Grandpa would be sitting on the front porch chewing his CLARK gum and tease Marilyn Sue and I. Grandma Nancy would get us a goodie and we'd eat it and off we'd go for home so as not to get in trouble for being gone too long.

In 1959 we moved back to Maple Street to the old Payne house across from where John now lived. It was a 2 story house and the boys lived upstairs and I had a room downstairs next to mom and dad's. By now there was John's kids that lived on this street with the Stockwell kids, Mike Cottle, Christine and Brenda Abbott and during the summers Mr. Duncan's granddaughters would come to visit. It was a fun street to play and live on. During some of the winters at this house Dad and Mom would close it up and off to California we'd go for the winter months. 1959 Sissy loaded up us 3 younger kids in her 1959 Buick convertible and headed for California, Mom and Dad came out a few weeks later. At the end of the summer Sissy and Lester stayed and Harold and I came home with Mom and Dad. 1961 back to California for the winter, I was now in school at Henry Clay Jr. High and Harold at Washington High in Gardena, Ca. We lived first at 835 W. 130th St with Bill and Barb then moved next door to, 833 W 130th. The Piatt girls lived across the street, Marilyn, Cheryl and younger sister Karen. There was a boy too but can't remember his name. (Marilyn married Harold in 1966). I didn't mind school there. I had a couple of good friends, Gwen, Ranae and Susan. I went to this school two different times, once when I was 13 and when I was 15. One of these times we lived on 186th Street in Torrance. Hated that school, I was about the only white kid going to school there!!! Moved back to 130th. Moved home in 1962. Harold stayed behind and graduated from school out there, then he was off to the army. Later that year, I think, Grandpa Hoskins was moved into our house, because Aunt Bert could no longer take care of him and Grandma, the Layton's children took her. I believe this was the beginning of Mom's down fall. We had to pick him up and take him

Sis Holding Penny



Notice old organ in Background !





to the bathroom, give him baths and dress him. Mom did this everyday and I would help when I was around. Grandpa passed away with in the year and Grandma Nancy also died. Mom got to feeling pretty bad right after that but never complained. In 1963, she, Aunt Louise and Kate started planning the Hoskins Family reunion, Mom never made it; she ended up in the hospital and never came home. She passed on Sept 29, 1963.

That winter Dad and I moved in at Dicks, he lived at the edge of town across from the High School. I loved High School, it was fun to me and I got along with everyone. I dated a few boys from surrounding schools. Never anyone from Potomac, I went to school with these guys for all these years, why would I date them!!!! I went to a school dance and met up with Marvin Ackerman from Armstrong, he had just broken up with Diane Smith so we danced most of the evening. Later he walked Marilyn Sue, Connie and I to Marilyn Sue's home and called me the next day. Dad got a bug up his butt the next day and off to California we went to Bill's, he now lived in Tujunga Canyon, north of LA. I went to Verdugo High School with all the rich and famous kids, YUCK! did I hate this school; all my friends were back home. Marvin and Marilyn Sue wrote constantly which made matters worse. So when Dad mentioned going home I couldn't wait, he said we'd go as soon as school was out. I lied, (it was the only big lie I ever told dad), told him it was over the Friday before Memorial Weekend (which was only a week away) and that I would take all my test by then, so he said we'd leave that weekend. School actually was for two more weeks or so but I didn't care. I told the teachers that we had to leave for Illinois the following weekend as there was an illness in the family and we had to go. All the teachers gave me passing grades except the history teacher, who was a butt head in the first place so I got an F from him and had to take it over the next year. I didn't care!!!

So home we went, all my friends were so glad to see me that they thru a dance for me and Marv surprised me by challenging me to the "Wipeout" and I couldn't believe he kept up with me! Marilyn Sue and Connie showed him how to dance; from that point on we were inseparable. The summer was a whirlwind of romance, dances, parties and shows. He had a 57 Chevy; it was metallic blue, with Baby moon hubcaps and silver bullets on the fins. Coolest car around Potomac, Armstrong, Muncie and Oakwood.



Don Adams &  
Esther (Penny) Hoskins Adams

While I was off doing my thing, Dad had met a woman friend, Pauline Markley, a neighbor of Frank and Hazel Hoskins (dad's cousins) that lived in Pence, Ind,. They dated all that summer and on into the fall. Dad asked me if he could marry her and I said that wasn't my decision as I didn't have to put up with her for the rest of my life, he did. Personally I did not like the lady nor did I like those stupid hounds that she had! Petunia, who names a basset hound that!!!

Dad and her were married sometime in late Dec of 1964, I believe and when it came time for him to move in with her, I

talked to Dick to see if I could stay with them till I finished my senior year. No problem he said. I became a built in babysitter for the weekends there and broke so many dates of it. So come April Bill called and said they were moving back and would move into our old house across from John's place in town. I talked to Kathryn to see if I could stay with them till Bill moved back; he said I could move in with them when they got there. Kay said yes, so off Marilyn Sue and I went and packed me up to move in with her. (Only known person that ever live under John Hoskins roof for more than 2 weeks and made more than one phone call) Matter of fact I lived there for 3 months, which was after my prom and graduation. Harold was the one that made sure I got a class ring and he paid for my prom dress too. Bill got to Illinois in June and I moved in at the same time with them. Got a job at Magnavox in Urbana and rode to work with Marv's sister.

Late summer of 65 I met a brown eyed, handsome devil named Don Adams. Just out of the army and looking good, broke up with Marv and started dating Don, we were married the following Feb 5, 1966. Bought Dicks little place upon Lane Street in Potomac. Lived there for 12 years with the exception of going to Albuquerque for 9 months and trying to live there. Just about starve to death but it was a beautiful place to live (Sept 1975 to April 1976). While living on Lane Street we were blessed with two children, Eva Beverly Adams was born in Sept of 1972 at Mercy Hospital in Urbana, Ill at 7 something in the evening. She was about 20 inches long, weight 7 something pounds, big brown eyes like her daddy and gobs of dark brown hair (named after her Grandmother Eva and middle name after her aunt Beverly). Prettiest thing you ever laid eyes on, Lester and Judy were leaving the next morning (Sept 21) for Colorado so he stopped by and ran up to see her. Said the nurses wouldn't let him have her or he would have taken her with them. Jan of 1975 Donald Eugene Adams was born just a little after 9 am at St Elizabeth Hospital, Danville, Ill. He was about the same weight and length as his sister had been, with big brown eyes and lots of white hair. My little Bear I called him cause he grunted all the time when he ate (first name after his father and middle name after Don's brother Gene).

Sept of 1978 we sold the house and moved to the old Water's place north of town, lots of work was done on this ole tar-paper shack, build Don a big 3 car garage first than remodeled the house. Tore it down to the studs and put it back together those two 1/2 years that we lived there. In 1980 Don had a few weeks where the job shut down so we had bought a motor home in April

and come June we headed west to take his sister Phyllis home in Northern California. We stopped in Colorado to visit family and on out to CA., spent a few weeks around visiting different family members on both sides. While visiting my nephew Jerry Hoskins at Lower Lake, Don got a job offer at the Geo-thermo Plants up on Cobb Mt. We loved that place and it was so beautiful that Don said yes. Told the guy that we had to fly home and sell the place and that we would be back the next June. No problem he said and that is what we did. Flew home, finished up the house remodel and sold it to one of Buck Spain's girls. Feb of 1981 we moved in with Bill at the farm in Alvin



Don & Penny 2009

till the kids were out of school that June and headed west. We had a caravan going out. Kim, Kimberly, Kristin and Todd came along with us, Don, Eva, Donny and Don's daughter Niki and I. I remembered Kim got out and peed on the Ill Bridge that went over the Mississippi as we left the state, he was leaving a message he said! The kids loved it.

In the mean time Lester and Judy had moved to Middletown, CA the previous November. So we ended up on their back porch, literally! We moved the motor home up next to their house and stayed there till we rented the double-wide trailer there in Hidden Valley.

The job had fell through. It was an election year, bad economy and they had been shutting down the geo-thermos. While staying there next to Lester's, I found out that I was pregnant and come Jan of 1982, Glen Michael Adams was born at Red Bud Hospital in Lower Lake, CA. Dark hair and dark eyes like his daddy, was a pudgy little thing and loved to eat. (He got his first name from Don's good friend Glen Bryant and his middle name was from a flip of the coin between Lester's two boys Michael and Randy, Mike won the flip) We stayed as long as we could and spent all the money we made on the house. Come summer of 1982 Don transferred his union membership to the local in Yuba City, so we moved across the river from it to 2334 Houston St, Marysville, CA. Work didn't pan out there either so Aug of 1983 Don got a job offer in So Lake Tahoe, CA. Come Oct I finally found a house, thanks to Jerry for helping me out and Niki watching the kids for me, she moved in with us after her graduation. We moved the whole bunch up there to an address on Glennway Street. Jerry, Trent, Niki, Don, kids, I and Rusty the dog. Had lots of visitors and room for them when they came by to visit and go gambling. Jerry, Trent and Niki moved out after the first of the year and moved to N Sacramento and all found jobs. Don and his boss couldn't get along because of disagreements and he hated the cold months. I had managed to save up a little money and it was enough to get us back to Marysville.

July 1st of 1984 we moved to 4332 Lever Ave, Marysville, (Later to be rezoned as Olivehurst, CA). While moving in, Albert and Chris came by looking for a place to stay till they could get work and a place of their own. Pat and Brandy was at her parents up north. We let them stay; Don went on the road and ended up doing work in San Louis Obispo, CA. The kids and I would go to visit him as he had the motor home and living close to the beach. Came home from one of the trips and Pat and Brandy had moved in with us too. Come Sept they still hadn't moved out so I had to get a little tough and finally we had our home to ourselves for all of 1 1/2 days. Jack and Don's mom showed up for a vacation of two weeks. Then when they left on Sunday there came a knock in the middle of the night and there stood Kim and his family. We moved them and Todd in and Kim went to work with Don. They found a little place in no time.

So there is where we landed and to this day in 2012 we still live. Lots of events have happened over the years living here, my kids went to school around here and grew up. Eva graduating in 1990, moved to San Louis Obispo in about 91 or 92. Finished her schooling there meeting her first husband, got married in 1998, divorced in 2004, met Rick Simpson and married, they have a son born on Nov of 2005 - Jake Ryan Simpson. Donny ended up having to get a GED and later met Jackie (Girard) in 1994, married in June of 98 and lives in Rio Linda, CA. No kids just lots of Grand Pups (weenie dogs). Glen graduated in 2000 later married Rachelle (Papineau); they have a son Eli Edward born Nov of 2002 and a daughter Layla Belle born Oct of 2005. They own a home in the north part of Marysville, CA. Don's daughter Nicoletta Lee Jones, Married Ray Parker Jones and has a son Lucas Ray, born Oct of 1994. Niki is a descendent of the Hoskins on her grandmother's side of the family. Not for sure how but her grandmother Berney



was a Hoskins from Jamaica, Ill and I remember she talked about Uncle Prunie, this was grandpa Truman to us. Don never really met his daughter till she was 15 years old.

We had a plumbing business for about 12 years (1995 - 2007) that provided well for us and gave our boys a trade that they could make a good living at. Eva went on to become a very successful Tax and Bookkeeper and has her own business in Paso Robles, CA.

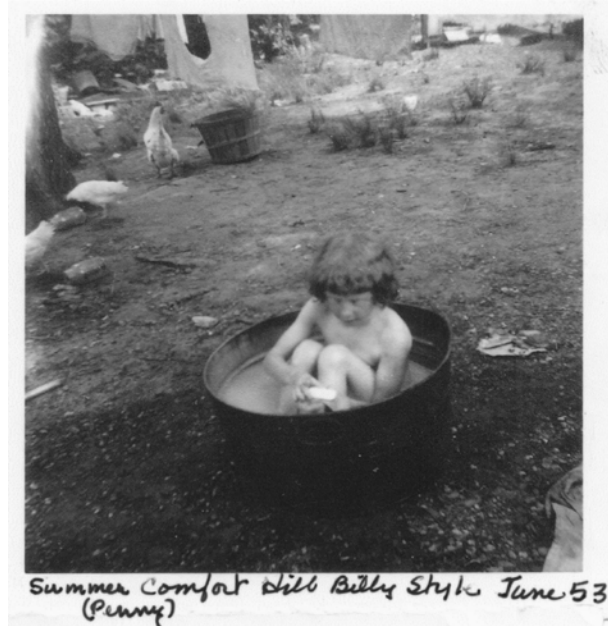
We have traveled a lot of places in our time, Cozumel, San Felipe and Acapulco Mexico. Did a Meditation Cruise of the Greek Islands in 2005. Up to Canada with Eva and Rick in 2006 and back. Seen the Great Tetons, Glacier Mts, and Yellowstone Park, Carlsbad Cavern and Albuquerque, NM, Grand Canyon, Mesa Verdes, Co. Reno, Las Vegas, Nv., Caribbean Cruises, Quartzsite, Az, San Diego, CA, and Texas several times. All the way across the northern states by way of Potomac, Il., and onto New York, back to Potomac, and then down through Colorado, Utah and back home in 2010, made all the points of interest stops that were along this trip including a National Drags Race Way in Indianapolis, In. Went to Hawaii in 2011 with Eva and Rick. I did a Zip-line and loved every minute of it. This year of 2012 our plan is to go to Ill in July for the 50th Hoskins reunion and hang around so Don can make the Indy Drags again then head home by way of Eva's just in time for her 40th Birthday in Sept. One more big trip planned is for 2013, we want to do a 3 or 4 month trip up into and around Alaska, it is Dons dream trip. We do lots of short trips here in Northern California, favorite - Hat Creek up by Mt Lassen. Then there is always the coast, lakes and rivers that are a little closer to home. All our kids have campers now, so God willing, we still have a few more years to enjoy with them and the grandkids before we can no longer do it. May 7, 2011, together Don and I were Baptized at the little Seventh-day Adventist Church in Olivehurst California, best thing we ever did in our life time. Aunt Jerry Hoskins (*Fred's Wife*) would be proud.



Penny Swinging with her dad watching.



Penny in her Easter Dress 3/27/1959.



Back row standing from left to right looking at picture  
 Rachelle, Glen, Jackie and Donny Adams, Nikki Jones, Rick and Eva Simpson  
 Front row: Eli, Layla, Don and Penny Adams and Jake Simpson 2011

## Adams-Hoskins



MRS. DONALD FREDRICK ADAMS  
(Esther (Penny) Hoskins)

Dowers

The double ring vows uniting in marriage Miss Esther (Penny) Hoskins and Donald Fredrick Adams, both of Potomac, were solemnized yesterday at the Potomac Church of Christ.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hoskins of Pence, Ind., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hardy of Indianola.

The Rev. William Poling officiated before an altar set with candelabra and baskets of yellow and white mums. Pianist was Miss Marcia Jo Willard and soloist, Mrs. William Poling, both of Potomac.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Harold Eugene Hoskins, who is home on leave from Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic. She wore a floor length gown with white lace bodice styled with scalloped neckline and long pointed sleeves. The bouffant tiered skirt was trimmed with lace.

Her white illusion veil was secured by a simulated pearl crown and she carried a bouquet of white roses surrounded by white carnations.

Maid of honor was Miss Marilyn Sue Hoskins of Potomac, niece of the bride, and bridesmaid was Miss Jeanette Adams of Indianola, sister of the bridegroom. Both wore dresses of

turquoise chiffon and brocade with headpieces of net and ribbon. Their bouquets were of yellow carnations.

Flower girl was Miss Lynanne Flack of Charlottesville, Va., niece of the bride, and James Smith of Potomac, nephew of the bridegroom, served as ring bearer.

Best man was Kenneth Wayne Adams of Potomac, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsman was Jack Adams of Potomac, also a brother; ushers were Jerry Dean and Steven Hoskins, nephews of the bride, and Diane Downing assisted at the church. All are of Potomac.

Servers for the reception held in the church basement were Mrs. John Hoskins, Mrs. Richard Hoskins, Mrs. Gordon Hoskins, Mrs. Harry H. Hoskins and Mrs. Lee R. Flack.

The couple will be at home in Potomac. The bride is a graduate of Potomac High and is employed with Magnavox in Champaign. The bridegroom attended Indianola High, served in the U.S. Army and is presently employed at Staray Boat Corp. in Danville.

Pre-nuptial events included a shower given for the bride at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hutton in Potomac.

Penny added: "Harold got too drunk to walk me down the aisle and Dad drank just enough to take his place. Brother John stood at the back of the church during the ceremony with a shotgun in his arms just to make sure Don didn't change his mind."

"God, how'd I deserve such loving Brothers!!!"





Above: John T. Hoskins  
Oldest Brother with Youngest  
in Family Esther (Penny)



Eva Bev and Penny Getting ready to Zip Line It! (Hawaii)  
Right: Penny and Kim Hoskins having fun!



Above 70's: Don and Esther (Penny) Adams with  
children Donald E Adams and Eva Beverly Adams.  
Left: Penny and Sis. (Esther and Eva)



**Tenth Generation From John Hodgkinson**

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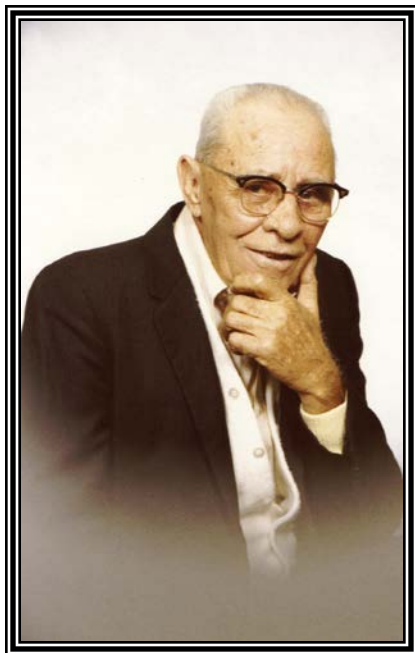
*George, Evelyn, Carl, Celia, & Lester Leroy Hoskins*

**Frederick Oliver Hoskins**

**Alberta M Hoskins**

**Jessie Sanford Hoskins**

*Ezra Hoskins*



## Harry Walter Hoskins

1906-1984

Harry was born just north and west of "Denmark", near the settlement of Johnsonville, Illinois. The only thing left of that settlement is the Johnsonville cemetery (which is where several ancestors are buried). West from Johnson cemetery where the road meets the Denmark road, and go straight west down a lane, (there is a new residence there now), is where Truman and Carrie (Brown) Hoskins lived when Harry was born.

Written by John Truman Hoskins 1975

My father Harry W. Hoskins married Eva V. May of Potomac, Illinois in 1926. They had 10 children. Eva passed away Sep 1963. Harry married a second time to Pauline Markley in 1964.

His living children are John Truman Hoskins, Harry Harvey Hoskins, Richard Lee (Dick) Hoskins, Gordon Robert (Bill), Eva Wanetta (Sis), Adam Everett, Albert Lee, Lester Dale, Harold Eugene, and Esther Virginia (Penny). Harry never served in the armed forces but his sons served in the Navy, Marines, Army, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam.

Harry lived most of his life around Potomac, and worked for Jesse Stone as a Carpenter in his younger years.

We lived in the old Goodwin Park 1 mile east of Potomac, when I was six years old. The State put in the new road between Potomac and Route 1. They used mules to haul dirt, and big Mack trucks chain driven, to haul cement. The mules were kept in a lot across the street from Bill Downings (Jesse Stone's).

I walked to school from the park. We moved to Bluegrass a couple of years later. That year at Christmas time the School burnt down. There was no telephone, or way to get help. My dad shot three times in the air and it brought help from all directions. But it still burnt to the ground. We moved to the farm March 1st 1935, the Doug Alexander farm south of Potomac, 1 mile, where the gravel pit is now. My brother Harry, Richard (Dick), and I started to school. On the way home that night we had a snowball fight. Harry got wet and cold and laid down and would not walk. He said to me "Just let me die and I'll not have to walk anymore!". I whipped him to make him go but that didn't help any, so I had to carry him home about one mile. After that dad let us drive the race mare hitched to an old buggy. (He had traded a neighbor out of one sow pig for a buggy). Boy did we go to school then! We picked up the Davis kids and had horse races. We sure came up in respect to the other kids.

One fall we put the corn in shocks and carried it on the hill side so that we could feed the livestock that winter. The spring rain came and it took the corn down the river, so dad went broke and couldn't feed the stock. So we had to sell the farm.

He started Carpenter work then and worked over at the Chanute air Base, and also drove the School Bus. His and Mom's dream came true, some land of their own! Boy we lived, 3 Acres of brush, and Mosquitoes. We cleared a garden spot and fenced the rest. We picked berries, wild strawberries, raspberries, we fished, and hunted squirrel, rabbit, and Mushrooms (Morrell Mushrooms). We lived off of the fat of the land, Sassafras Tea, I drank gallons!



Harvey Pollitt made Sorghum, and we helped him strip the leaves of the cane for some syrup, and in the spring we made Maple Syrup.

I could always see my mom's eye's sparkle when I would bring her a handful of Sweet Willams, as it was her favorite flowers.

We moved back to town about 1942 in my Grandfather May's house on May Street, just north of the railroad. There us country boy's went wild. Mom and Dad had to take us back to the woods. So they bought 40 acres and this is what mom called "The Hills of Hawbuck", Just west of Jamesburg, 2.5 miles at the Selsor Ford, end of the road. We had our own swimming hole, our own everything, Berries and Hunting !

About this time I joined the Navy. I didn't miss too much of my home life, you see my mother was a school teacher before she married. She could put more on paper than most people can talk. She only told me the happy things that happened, funny, or maybe how the cow knocked out Harry's front tooth, or how Bill stepped on a nail, or Bill run a skunk across the picnic blanket down by the river at the old turtle tree.

But back to history, I guess remaining in history. Time passes us by, and now I am a grandfather. We have a red headed granddaughter and a grandson with big brown eyes. Now comes the time in my life to pass on my knowledge of fishing, and hunting and finding mushrooms, to my grandchildren, and all the knowledge that they will absorb, or that I can make interesting enough for them to want to learn what it has taken fifty years to learn.

Written by Jim Hoskins ...

Grandad Hoskins loved to fish and loved Gardening. I remember him trying to cross pollinate violets and other flowers in his home. He loved to tinker in his shed. He fixed many a lawnmower and built little windmills for the family reunions. One story I remember my dad telling me about a Milk Cow my dad had that was ornery as all get out. She would kick and be mean and no one could milk her. She got to the point that her milk bag was so full it was endangering her health. My dad called Grandpa Hoskins and he came over. He walked up to her and knocked her out with a ball bat and milked her. Never had a problem again after that! My dad used to cut Grandpa Harry's hair at our house and on Sundays we would go over to Pence, Ind. and visit him and his second wife Pauline Markley. Grandma Eva passed away when I was only 5 so I don't remember her very well. Christmas Eve's in the Hoskins family were spent many times at Granpa Harry's while I was young. My Uncles and Aunt's had a bunch of kids so it didn't take much to heat the house up with all the kids running around. Grandad didn't have that big of a house either. Those were the best memories though all of the Hoskins get together. Grandad would put on a pot of Chili and it was the best Chili ever. I think it was because of the fresh Tomatoes he grew.

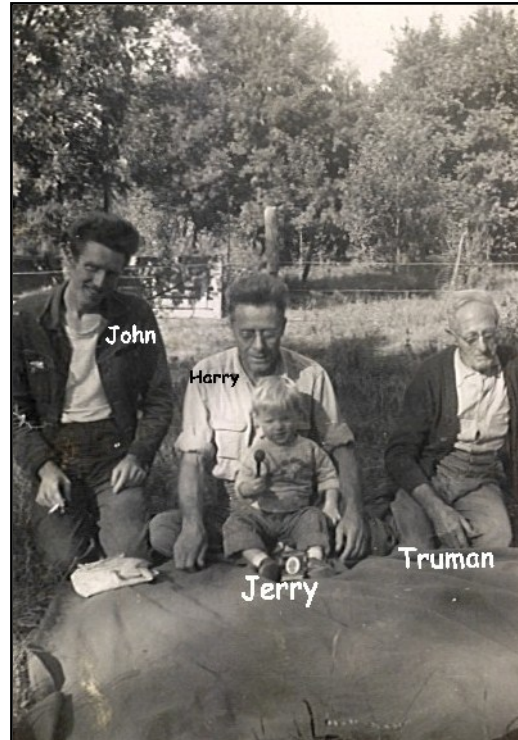
On 29 December 1964 Harry married Pauline Markley. They lived in Pence, Indiana until Harry passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb 1984 at the age of 77.



To the Right: Harry Hoskins, RaeLynn Hoskins, and John T. Hoskins in Harry's back yard garden. Sept of 1983.



Harry Walter Hoskins and wife Eva  
Virginia May Hoskins 29 Aug 1929



4 Generations



Back: Left Eva, Harry holding Adam, John,  
Front Left to Right: Dick, Sis, Bill, Pete.





Grandad Harry Hoskins working on horseshoeing used a vacuum like a bellow to fan the fire.



Grandad Harry Hoskins standing by his son John's 1946 Nash.

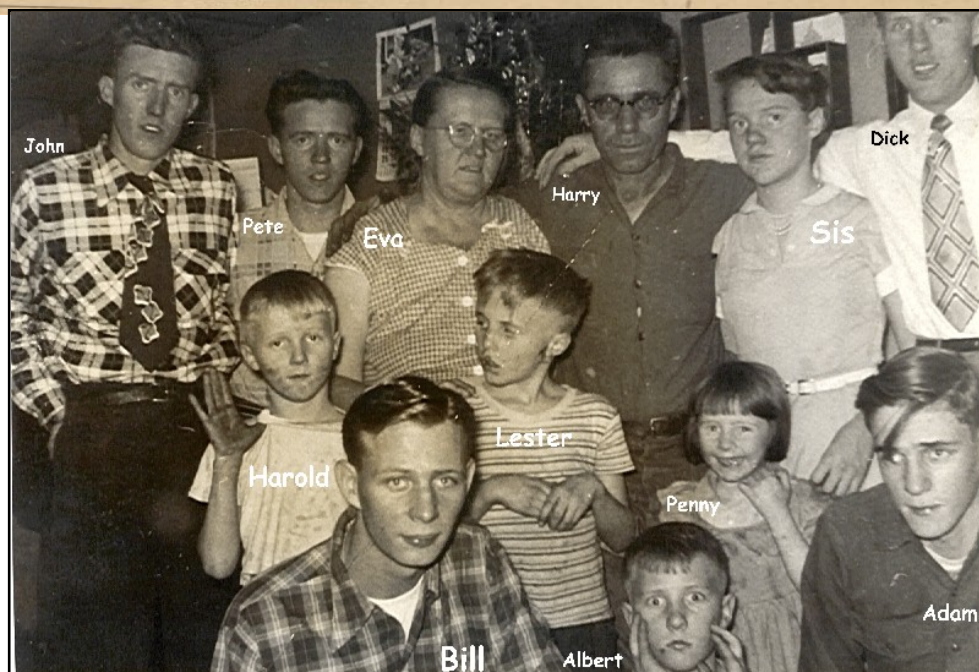




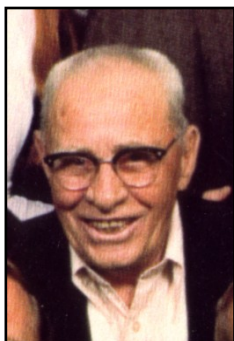
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One of the most valuable pieces of equipment on the flight line in the "Cardox" truck with electrically-operated booms. One man sitting in the cab of the big truck on the right can swing the big boom on the top and the smaller one on the front right over a burning aircraft and snuff out the fire in seconds with carbon dioxide. Next to the Cardox truck is a lighter truck with special gear and light lines for air crash crews who have to work up close in crash operations. The jeep at the right has equipment for combatting small fires. Here the air crash crew is getting a briefing on a fine point in firefighting. Altogether, here are three 750-gallon pumpers for structural fires; the three-ton Cardox truck, two 300-gallon trucks capable of use either for foam or fog chemicals, the deluge truck, a jeep and the chief's car. The 86 firemen work 60 hours a week in three shifts.







Friday, February 24, 1984

## Area deaths

### Harry W. Hoskins

PENCE, Ind. — Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Church of Christ in Potomac, Ill., for Harry W. Hoskins, 77, a resident of Pence and a former resident of Potomac. He died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday (Feb. 23, 1984) at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville. He had been a patient two weeks and ill two years.

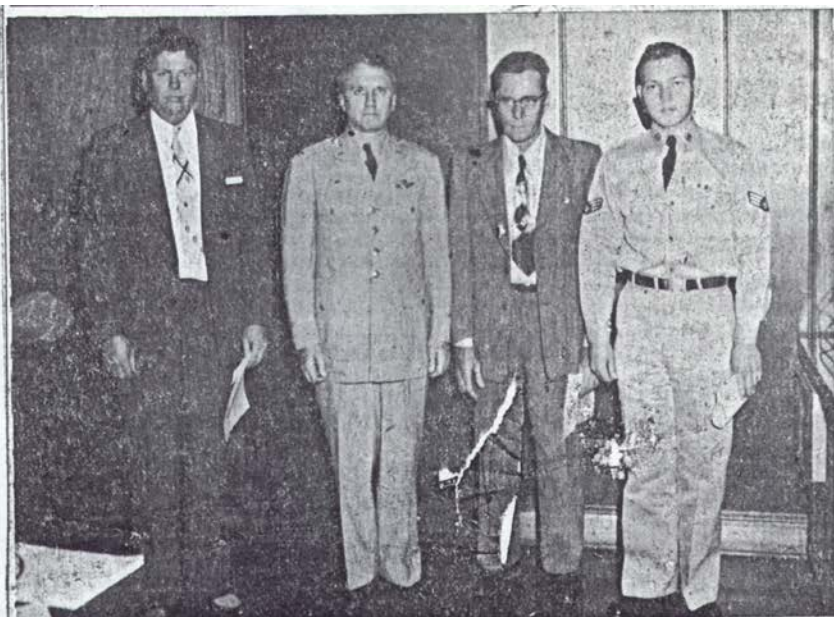
Dale Baldwin will officiate. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Lanham-Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac, and also from noon until time of services Sunday at the church.

A former resident of Potomac, Hoskins moved to Pence 20 years ago. He was a life member of the Church of Christ in Potomac. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Born Dec. 30, 1906, in rural Danville, he was a son of Truman and Carrie Brown Hoskins. He married Eva V. May on Jan. 5, 1926, in Potomac. She died September 1963. He later married Pauline Markley on Dec. 31, 1964, in Potomac. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Eva W. Flack of Pence and Mrs. Esther "Penny" Adams of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; eight sons, John T. Hoskins of Collison, Ill., Harry H. Hoskins of Mesa, Ariz., Richard Hoskins of Potomac, Ill., Gordon "Bill" Hoskins of Tulsa, Okla., Adam E. and Albert L. Hoskins, both of Alvin, Ill., Lester D. Hoskins of Middletown, Calif., and Harold E. Hoskins of Potomac; three stepchildren, William Markley of Ambia, and Robert Markley and Joan Taylor, both of Attica; 45 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Fredrick Hoskins of Perysville and Jesse S. Hoskins of Hoopston, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Huldah "Spain" Jarman of Niles, Mich.

He also was preceded in death by six sisters, five brothers and three grandchildren.



CASH FOR SUGGESTIONS: Three awards for money-saving suggestions were recently presented by Col. C. F. Hegy, Air Base Group Commander. Left to right are Ernest W. Price, Colonel Hegy, Harry W. Hoskins, and A/1c Walter Harvey.

## Three Receive Additional Suggestion Awards On Base

Two civilian employees and an airman were honored here last

week for making suggestions which will result in considerable annual savings for the USAF.

A/1c Walter Harvey, 3345th Maintenance Squadron, received a Letter of Commendation for his suggestion on an Automatic Transfer Punch and Tip. This idea is expected to result in a yearly saving of \$1,310.40.

Headquarters, Technical Training Air Force, authorized additional awards to the civilians, Harry W. Hoskins, 3345th M&S Group, and Ernest W. Price, Department of Crafts and Trades.

Hoskins' additional award, of \$10, came in recognition of his suggestion for Spring Stretchers.

Previously approved at Chanute and forwarded to TTAf his suggestion was adopted by one other Base.

Price was granted an additional award of \$30 by TTAf for his suggestion for a Spring Wire Holder. Adopted by four other bases, his suggestion will be published in the Air Force Suggestion Digest.

If the suggestion is adopted by additional bases as a result of this publication, a further award may be granted.

Col C. F. Hegy, Air Base Group Commander, presented the suggestion awards at the Base Commander's Office last Wednesday.

Picture to the right is Harry Walter Hoskins with second wife Pauline





## Eva Virginia May Hoskins 1906 - 1963

by Eva Hoskins

Oh boy ! I see I got my picture in the paper last week. It sorta makes my head swell up - Ha ! Well, it's about time us poor hard workin' reporters gets a little break, after pourin' in all these heart breakin' reports and news to that hard hearted editor we got. (Sorry, Mr. Craw, but folks oughta know better.)

Now that you know what I look like, maybe you'd like to know what makes me tick?

After all, being married for 27 years, and raising ten kids, something oughta make me tick !

I usually write such a willynilly mess about us, ourselves and we-uns that most readers, who don't know us personally, are probably confused as to which is who. Maybe I'd ought to set the record straight for once:

My maiden name was Eva May and many of you older readers remember my parents, John and Ida Brooks May.

Harry and I were married January 5, 1926, and lots of folks knew his parents, too, Truman and Carrie Brown Hoskins.

Our oldest son, John (Johnnie, Jack and sometimes big Red) is 26, and married to Kathryn Rogers, formerly of Oakwood. They have three youngsters, Marilyn Sue 4, Jerry Dean 3, and John Steven 2. (No a new arrival is not expected at present.) John now works over at Chanute Field and served four years in Uncle Sam's Navy back in '44-'48.

Second is Harry Harvey (not Junior, as pop Harry's middle name is Walter), and better known as Pete at home. Sometimes he's dubbed as little Red. He's 23, unmarried, and at present works 'way back in the parts department of Prillaman's Hardware Store, here in Potomac.

Third Richard Lee, or Dick, 22, an ex-Marine and a blonde for a change, works at Chanute Field, also unmarried; he and Pete are our bachelor boys, altho I swear they're not allergic to girls; every time they come home seems like they've a new girl friend along.

Most local folks know son number four as Bill. Tall blonde and handsome (?), his proper name is Gordon Robert. some handle ! Just now he's in the Navy as a torpedo man, serving aboard the USS Waldron. Evidently he isn't allergic to girls, either. (His steady girl friend doesn't receive the M.J., thank goodness !)

The fifth youngster is our oldest girl, a redhead (complete with temper to match). Her name is Eva Wauneta, she's 17, and just out of high school. Usually I find her in a corner with (my) paints and paper, trying to emulate her mama \_\_ but at the dishpan, she's a washout. Still and all, we have a working agreement, if I do the dishes, she does the mopping and keeps three rooms "redded up", and I, two. Since that is fair enough, we manage,. Besides that she does plenty of other things around home that I'm not so spry at anymore.

These five comprise what we call our "first family", all now grown up and through school.

First of the "second family," or number six, is Adam Everette, 15, a junior in high school. He's six feet tall and rather a thin rind now, but due to fill out as soon as his feet quit growing: To date the girls haven't seemed to bother him much, but that's due to happen 'most any time now.



Seventh, Albert LeRoy, 12, a blonde and rather a lone wolf here among the small ones, does the milking, and is general boss of the chore gang. At least he likes to boss the lesser fry. He's still in the "I don't care stage" just occasionally we catch him "slicking up" when he's getting ready to go anyplace. He's in the eighth grade and thinks school is for basketball and playing (an idea that goes for too many present-day kids, grade and high, both.

Number eight is Lester Dale, 10, a bit on the thin side and a rather easy-going youngster. Not much to describe about them at this age that can be outstanding. He's fair-haired, as is Harold Eugene, 8, who is the ninth in line. Harold is a bit more stubborn than Lester and loses his temper about as bad as if he were red-headed instead. Both are good workers, and usually together. Neither one has thoroughly whipped the other yet, altho they've sure tried.

The last but not the least is number ten, the second girl and a redhead like her sister. She's six and starts to school this coming term. Her Proper name is Esther Virginia, but nicknamed "Penny" and as a baby was called Pinky ! How do we ever get such things going, anyhow ?

These last five make up our "second family." After September all will be in school, and with Eva going to work, this will leave me alone with 1 sow, 2 ducks, 3 cows, and their respective calves, 5 geese, an assortment of about 10 dogs, around 400 chickens and, I nearly forgot, 1 canary. So, you see, I won't be really lonesome and I think I'm going to kind of like it for a change.

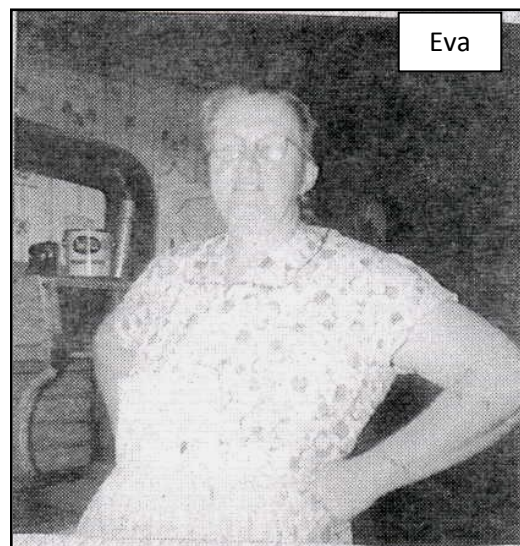
At the present a third family is not contemplated. Besides that, I've dozens of things I've put off through the years that maybe I will get around to doing. But being me, I probably will grab a book and read, instead.

After reading this maybe you will be more thoroughly briefed on any forthcoming epistle I manage to compose: you might even file it away for future reference, being's there's so many of us-- ha! It might even come in handy to settle a family argument with, even.

So often we're asked, "how many and which is who" that this brief little family history may settle a lot of questions.

Harry is 46 and I'm 47. Still, I ain't the boss, not by a long shot! And Harry, being just Harry, well I'm not kicking. He's a pretty good guy to "ride the river" with.

(Taken from the Middle Fork Journal "The Hills of Hawbuck" aprox. 1951.)





Picture Left 1925 Eva V. May (Hoskins)

Above painted by Eva's Granddaughter Eva Lynanne Flack Martin.



Eva, Harry, and son Richard



May 17 1946 John and Eva









The Old Potomac Consolidated Grade School

Jamesburg road that runs thru Goodwine's woods. Harry and Truman, were working in the woods where they lived, a settlement in the Goodwine woods. Eva and her dad were going down the road to the village of Potomac.

Harold Hoskins recalls that he believed Eva graduated in the second class ever to graduate from the Potomac community school, which was later to become the grade school; Potomac Consolidated Grade School, the old school which is long gone stood on the site of the now David Judy city park. Eva graduated High School on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1924.

Eva May then went to school at the Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Illinois and later received the Teacher's Certification for teaching the second grade, from the Illinois State Examining Board. Eva received her teaching certificate on July 1, 1925. She taught second grade for one year and then she got married to Harry Hoskins and subsequently gave birth to John. The school that she taught in was the first road west of Henning down rt. 136... and turn south to the hedgerow on the right about a half mile south of rt 136. The name of the school is not known at this time.

From The Hills of Hawbuck 24 July 1953... Memories!--Way, way back in 1912, formal education began for Mary Teigle, Henrietta Thompson, Thelma Bird, Paul Harper and Eva May, as well as for a number of others--but since these were the ones who finished together twelve years later from good old Potomac High, I've only named these few. Discarding odds and ends the other day, I turned up my old "1924 Graduation notes"--no discard for it!

Who were the class of "24"? Recognize these names? Spike, Doc, Jack, Russ, Maggie, Bill, Henie, Teddy, Birdie, Flo, Margie, Ma, Peggy, Kelly, Mary and Eve? A conglomeration, that's right.

In proper names they were: Paul Harper, Edmund Butz, John Alexander, Lloyd Rusk, Nellie Bennett, Mabel Allen, Henrietta Thompson, Hulda Williams, Thelma Bird, Floy Judy, (seems to me Floy's twin brother Lloyd was also in our class but with his name left out someway), Marjorie Burkhart, Juanita Lindsey, Christine Royer, Lillian Kelly, Mary Riegle and Eva May (myself).

Our motto: "Backbone not wishbone"--still a very workable motto, if you ask me.

I've lost account of a few of these "kids" and out of the entire class, wonder how many of us "achieved our ambitions"--

Ha! I was going to be--An Artist!, youthful dreams often get the rug yanked out from under 'em, don't they?

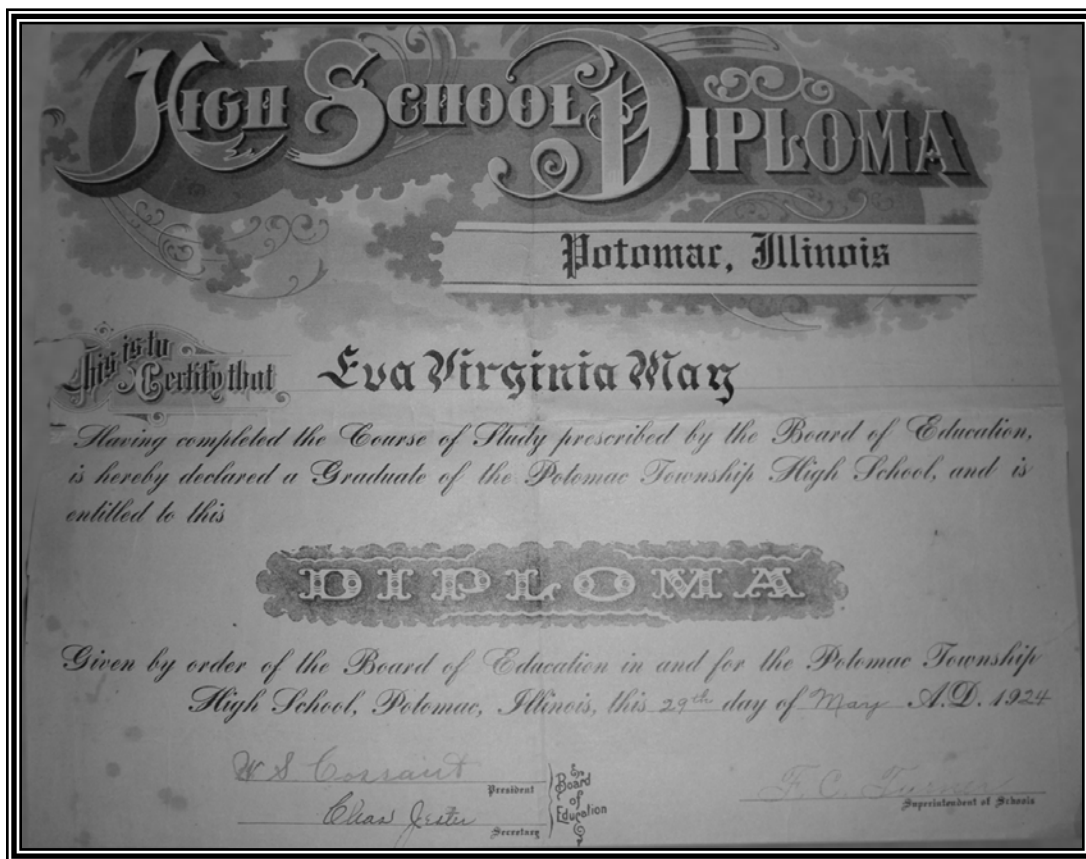
Still I believe most of us have achieved more worthwhile accomplishments than we ever dreamed of in school.

We started school under Carrie Littler, then passed into the hands of Laura Cossairt. Our music teacher was Addie Cossairt. The next four grades are rather hazy, with "outside" teachers that I can't remember (possibly don't want to). Our seventh and eighth grade years were under Fanny Biederman--years she probably gnashed her teeth over.

As freshmen we were beneath the guiding hand of Mr. Littler, with F.C. Turner the following three years, as our principals. Among our teachers those four years were some local folks--Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Messner and last, but not least, Curtis Alexander.

From among my teachers' autographed words of advice my favorite was and is: "Be yourself" (I've found it works, so, thanks, Alec).

Basketball? Sure, we had a team! While not as outstanding as its predecessors, it was, to us, a good one. Chuck Hamilton, Ed Butz, Clarence Blackford, Bill Wise, Al Messner, Bob Tennyson and "Coach Alec". As Mr. Turner often stated after a class lecture, "Now, if you have got it in a nutshell"--sometimes I wonder---! Closing the little booklet then, leaves me wondering of those I've lost track of!



Grandmother Eva loved her little piece of heaven where she lived near Potomac, Illinois that she referred to as "The Hills of Hawbuck" she wrote for the Middelfork Journal, a local newspaper, and told about her family and the things she held dear. This was during the 1950's. She wrote about things that were happening around Potomac, or things that were happening in the country, but mostly she wrote about her family and what was happening with them. The articles were titled "The Hills of Hawbuck" after her little 40 acre farm. Her children said that she loved to dream about traveling. She kept articles and picture she read about places she hoped to visit someday. Her children kept her busy with all of the things that moms do to raise a family. Her and Harry lived in a small home and raised 10 kids, no small feat in itself. It was a time when electricity was new and just arriving to the rural area. When out houses were common and indoor plumbing was not. Hauling water from the spring was a necessity. The family pitched together to survive. Living off of the land was common and berry picking brought rewards of homemade pies. Gardens were common necessities more than simple hobbies. Animals and livestock too were a necessary part of surviving in the country. Winters were cold and the house was heated with a wood burning stove. Keeping up with firewood was an ongoing task. Christmas was made special with a little candy and an orange or apple in the stocking was a real treat. Eva's transcribed writings in the Hills of Hawbuck will always be a family treasure.

Eva helped care for her father-in-law Truman in his later years. When he passed away in March of 1963 Eva felt the need to help keep her family together and with her sister-in-law Louise and a shirt tail cousin Kate they planned the first Hoskins Family Reunion in August of that year. Unfortunately Eva was sick and unable to



The Old "Silver Bell" as Eva Referred to it. Her and Harry's Home in Hawbuck.

attend and passed away in September of that same year. Her family continued the tradition of the Hoskins Reunion now into it's 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2012.

Susie Hoskins Miller wrote: I actually remember overhearing part of the conversation that my Mom (Kate) had - I'm guessing with Louise and Eva. Truman's brother, Bill, died in June of 1963, so they both died within three months of each other. One of them said (it must have been at my Great-Granddad Bill's funeral dinner), "The King Pins that have been holding this family

together are both gone now. If we don't have some kind of reunion, there won't be anything to get us all together again." I was just 13 years old, but I remember hearing them talk about the King Pins like it was yesterday. I do not know which one said it, but they were all three discussing it, and that's when they decided to start having a reunion.

Susie's sister Carol "Boots" wrote: About the relationship: Kate Hoskins (Catherine Stratton Hoskins) was married to Farm (Frank "Harold" Hoskins, who was the son of Harold "Frank" Hoskins and the grandson



of John "William" Hoskins). Farm's dad Frank was a 1st cousin of Harry & Fred so Farm must have been their 2nd cousin (or 1st cousin once removed). Whatever, a cousin. So Kate was a "cousin-in-law" to Eva & Louise. Not sure of Harry's age but I think Fred was about 5 years older than Farm so they got along well.

The three families were close and got together often when we were kids. Fred lived only a few miles away from here so we'd go there when the Potomac crowd invaded. What's a few more people in that bunch anyway?? ( I remember going over to Hawbuck to celebrate birthdays & holidays like 4th of July and having big outdoor picnics. I do remember seeing Great Great Aunt Carrie in her wheelchair. She was the first person that I knew who had to be in one so it made an impression on me. Once we were there for an Easter egg hunt and Susie found the smallest egg and won a white rabbit. She thought that was neat until she had to take care of it. She gave it to me for my birthday that June, so the rabbit would be mine, & I would be the one responsible for feeding it!)



Eva  
1946



### Mrs. Eva May Hoskins

Potomac (CNS) — Eva May Hoskins, 57, of Potomac, died at 5:05 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 28, 1963) at Lakeview Memorial Hospital. She had been a patient there three weeks.

Born March 21, 1906, in Danville, she was the daughter of John and Ida May. She was married Jan. 5, 1925, to Harry W. Hoskins, who survives. She was a member of the Potomac Church of Christ.

Survivors include eight sons, Harry, John and Richard, all of Potomac, Gordon of Upper Lake, Calif., Adam, Albert and Lester, all of Los Angeles, Calif., and Harold of Camp Chaffee, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Eva Black of Madison, Ind., and Esther of Potomac; a brother, Alden of Potomac; and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a grandson.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Potomac Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Potomac Cemetery. The body is at the Lanham Funeral Home. Friends will be received Monday evening.

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## HILLS OF HAWBUCK



by Eva Hoskins

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"Hills of Hawbuck"

My "Hills" lie low beneath the sky  
Nestling humbly, snug and shy;  
And strangers often pass them by,  
--My Hills of Hawbuck!

The birds, the trees,  
the gleaming flowers;  
The seasons change  
from snow to showers.  
o'er them clouds e'er  
build white towers  
--Above my Hills of Hawbuck!

They're neither grand,  
nor picturesque;  
No far-flung fame  
or name behest,  
But to the native, they are best  
--The quiet Hills of Hawbuck!

How colorful the rustic scenes  
of groves and fields and  
wandering streams.  
To others, drear,

sometimes it seems,  
--Not so to me, My Hills of  
Hawbuck!

At night the stars draw so near,  
By day the "Hills"  
enchanted, clear.  
For through the seasons  
of the year,  
--They're my Hills of Hawbuck.

Their patience seems  
so timelessly  
Their beauty, after all, to me,  
Is really home, at that, you see  
--Those lowly Hills of  
Hawbuck.

To every man his castle tall,  
Surrounded by a garden wall;  
To me these "Hills"  
encompass all  
--My spacious Hills of  
Hawbuck.

Each one here has hopes  
and fears,  
We laugh and play and shed  
our tears.  
We work to meet Life's  
Evening years,  
--Amid these Hills of Hawbuck.

Our days are full of pulsing life;  
Sometimes at ease, 'midst toil  
and strife.  
For such our days are ever rife  
--Here in our Hills of Hawbuck.

When I am gone, my  
one request  
To those I leave what I bequest;  
Let me lie where life was best --  
Among my Hawbuck Hills.

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**Still Strong  
Hoskins 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
1963-2012  
Potomac, Illinois**



## The Words She Wrote

By Jim Hoskins

My Grandmother came for a  
visit today.  
She told of a time that was far  
away.

She told of her children, whom  
she loved so dear.  
She told of her garden, and the  
streams that were near.





She told of the wild flowers that  
grew all around;  
Of the birds and the peace, and  
the joy she had found.

Her life wasn't easy, but her  
words seemed to say;  
She was happy with the trials  
that were sent towards her way.

Her words were like candy to a  
very small child.  
I listened to each one and we  
visited for a while.



















I wished we had met but she has  
long passed away.  
But through the things that she  
wrote we visited today.

## Family Group Record

<b>Husband Harry Walter Hoskins</b>			
Born	30 Dec 1906	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	23 Feb 1984	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Buried	25 Feb 1984	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Married	5 Jan 1926	Place	
Husband's father	Truman Leander Hoskins		
Husband's mother	Carrie Olive Brown		
<b>Wife Eva Virginia May</b>			
Born	21 Mar 1906	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	28 Sep 1963	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Wife's father	John C. Eret May		
Wife's mother	Ida Mae Brooks		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
1	<b>M John Truman Hoskins</b>		
	Born	1926 Place , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Buried	Place	
	Spouse	Kathryn Lavern Rogers	
	Married	19 Dec 1948 Place , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
2	<b>M Harry Harvey Hoskins</b>		
	Born	1930 Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Buried	Place	
	Spouse	Leona Southuwood	
	Married	13 Oct 2001 Place Shelburn, , Indiana	
3	<b>M Richard Lee Hoskins</b>		
	Born	1931 Place	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Buried	Place	
	Spouse	Phillis Sue Cain	
	Married	28 May 1955 Place Armstrong, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
4	<b>M Gordon Robert Hoskins</b>		
	Born	1933 Place	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Buried	Place	
	Spouse	Juanita Yevonne	
	Married	Oct 1983 Place	



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## Harry W. Hoskins Siblings

The following pages are information gathered in regards to Harry Walter Hoskins Siblings.

The oldest of Truman and Carrie's children is Hulda Alena Hoskins Spain Jarman born 29 June 1901 in Danville, Illinois. Hulda married Fred Thomas Spain on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1919. Together over the next 24 years they had 12 children. Hulda's sister Dora married Fred's brother Jess Wilbur Spain on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1920. Dora was the 2<sup>nd</sup> eldest daughter of Truman and Carrie Hoskins. Dora and Jess had 8 children. Harry was the third child of Truman and Carrie, he and Eva had 10 children. Truman and Carrie's next 5 children died in infancy. They were; George, Evelyn, Carl, Celia, and Lester Leroy Hoskins. After which came Frederick Oliver Hoskins. Fred married Louise Wells and they had 5 children. The 10<sup>th</sup> child of Truman and Carrie was Alberta. Alberta was married and had 3 children with Leslie Sidwell whom she later divorced she then married Howard Porter who had 4 children from his previous marriage. The next younger sibling is Jessie Sanford Hoskins who was married to Alberta's sister-in-law Cristina Fern Porter, they had no children. One other child for Truman and Carrie is listed, but who also died in infancy, was Ezra.



**Description:** Top Row : John Polloc ?, Florence ?, Fred Hoskins, Grandpa Truman Hoskins, Harry Hoskins,  
Center Row : Dora Hoskins Spain, Grandmother Carrie Hoskins, Aunt Mary Polloc, Hulda Hoskins Spain,  
Bottom Row: Truman (Buck) Spain, Willber Spain, Jesse Hoskins, Alberta Hoskins Sidwell.



# Hulda

## 1901-1988



Daily Star photo by Terry Covington

Pictured is a family from the Niles area that makes up two five generation branches. From left to right are: Tom Quick, father; Wanda Payne, grandmother; Carrie Stucker, great-

grandmother; Amber Quick, baby on lap; Hulda Jarman, great-great-grandmother; Ricky Ritchie, baby on lap; and Kim Biggs, mother.



Julia, Frank, Ron, Fred, Laverna, Florence  
Carrie, Hattie Fran, Mom, Marty, Mary & Bev  
1982





### All bases covered

Mrs. Huldah Spain Jarmon of Niles has grandchildren in every school grade through college sophomore -- all attending classes in either Niles or Brandywine districts, and Southwestern Michigan College. From the bottom up it's Suzy Marrow, Terry Wright, Betsy Birczak, Thomas Spain,

Tina Marrow, Annie Varga, Brent Wright, Helen Graham, Ruth Graham, Don Varga, David Wright, Terry Jo Runyan, Jeri Wright, Nancy Runyan and Lola Dukes. (Star Photo by Beth Haynes.)



Mrs. Huldah Spain Jarmon

### Grandmother honored at family reunion

The Spain family reunion was held Sunday, June 29, at the Township Park on Bond St., Niles.

Honored at the gathering was Mrs. Huldah Spain Jarmon in celebration of her 80th birthday. Ten of her 12 children, all living, were present. There were 34 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren also present.

A birthday greeting from President Reagan and his wife Nancy, and a quilt, with all her children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's names applied were presented to Mrs. Jarmon.

Gifts were also presented to Mr. and Mrs. George Quick, couple married longest; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Birczak, most recently married; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bryant for coming to farthest distance and to Brooks Bailey for being the youngest present.



Hulda Alena Hoskins Spain (1901-1988) and daughter Carrie Isabelle Spain (1920-2003), Potomac, Vermilion Co., IL 1920. Hulda married Fred T. Spain (1896-1953), 18 Aug 1919. To this union were born twelve fine children.

Dora





### HULDA JARMAN

Hulda Spain Jarman, 87, formerly of Niles, died Saturday, Oct. 29, at 10:15 p.m. at Berrien General Hospital. She was born June 29, 1901, in Danville,

Ill. She moved to the Niles area in 1942 from Potomac, Ill. and was a homemaker.

Jarman married Fred Spain June 28, 1910. He died in 1953. She married Grady Jarman July 2, 1955. He preceded her in death in 1980.

She is survived by eight daughters: Martha Bryant, Deland, Fla.; Carrie Stucker, Hattie Quick, Frances Varga, Mary Graham, Beverly Birczak, Laura Wright and Julia Morrow, all of Niles.

She is also survived by: three sons, Ronald Spain of Niles, Fred Spain Jr. of Athens, Tenn. and Franklin Spain of Sevier-ville, Tenn.; seven step-sons, James Jarman of South Bend, Ind., Bill Jarman of Chicago, and Glen, J.L. and John Jarman of Niles, Howard Jarman of Texas and L.G. Jarman of Michigan.

Survivors also include: two brothers, Fred Hoskins of Pence, Ind. and Jesse Hoskins of Hoopston, Ill.; 83 grandchildren, 79 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Pifer-Smith Funeral Home Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. William Gafgen of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will conduct the service.

Burial will be in Silverbrook Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.





**Hulda A. Hoskins Spain and four of her daughters:**  
Beverly Birczak, Hulda A. Hoskins Spain, Hattie Quick  
Mary Graham and Fran Duke in 1949








**Belle Nixon Spain, her daughter and daughters-in-law**  
L/R: Belle Nixon Spain, Nell Meitzler Spain, Elizabeth Spain  
Sollars, Gertie Poulson Spain, Hulda Hoskins Spain  
- Potomac, IL 1919 -

## Family Group Record




<b>Husband Fred Thomas Sr. Spain</b>			
Born	13 Aug 1896	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	27 Jun 1953	Place Buchanan, Mich	
Buried		Place Silverbrook Niles, , Michigan, USA	
Married	28 Jun 1919 (Div)	Place <, Vermilion, Illinois>	
Husband's father	Francès Marion Spain		
Husband's mother	Isabelle Nixon		
<b>Wife Hulda Alena Hoskins</b>			
Born	29 Jun 1901	Place Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	29 Oct 1988	Place	
Buried		Place Silverbrook Niles, , Michigan, USA	
Wife's father	Truman Leander Hoskins		
Wife's mother	Carrie Olive Brown		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
F	<b>Carrie Isabelle Spain</b>		
Born	24 Jan 1920	Place , Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	8 Jun 2003	Place Niles, , Michigan	
Buried		Place Mission Hill Cem. Niles, , Michigan, USA	
Spouse	Elmer Leonard Stucker		
Married	19 Jun 1937 (Div)	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>F Hattie Pauline Spain</b>			
Born	6 Oct 1921	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died	3 May 2007	Place Niles, , Michigan	
Buried		Place Mission Hills Cem. Niles, , Michigan	
Spouse	George William Quick		
Married	18 Jun 1940	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>F Frances Elizabeth Spain</b>			
Born	1923	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Charles Pearl Dukes		
Married	9 Feb 1942 (Div)	Place Niles, Michigan, USA	
<b>F Martha Lucille Spain</b>			
Born	1925	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Christened		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Ellis Franklin Bryant		
Married	13 Jan 1945	Place Niles, Mich.	



## Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>		<b>Fred Thomas Sr. Spain</b>	
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Hulda Alena Hoskins</b>	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
5	F	<b>Mary Mae Spain</b>	
		Born	7 Mar 1927 Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		Christened	Place
		Died	20 Aug 1995 Place
		Buried	Place Silverbrook Cem. Niles, , Michigan
		Spouse	Daniel Glen Graham
		Married	15 Nov 1947 Place Niles, Mich.
			
6	F	<b>Beverly Roxanne Spain</b>	
		Born	1929 Place Henning, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		Christened	Place
		Died	Place
		Buried	Place
		Spouse	Raymond Birczak
		Married	3 Jan 1948 Place Niles, Mich.
			
7	F	<b>Veva Florence Spain</b>	
		Born	31 Aug 1931 Place , Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		Christened	Place
		Died	1 Dec 1983 Place Southbend, , Indiana, USA
		Buried	Place
		Spouse	Eugene Wesley Runyan
		Married	13 Aug 1949 (Div) Place
			
8	F	<b>Laura Laverne Spain</b>	
		Born	1933 Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		Christened	Place
		Died	Place
		Buried	Place
		Spouse	Wallace Eugene Wright
		Married	2 May 1953 Place Fond Lu Lac, Wis
			
9	M	<b>Fred Thomas Spain</b>	
		Born	27 Oct 1935 Place , Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		Christened	Place
		Died	7 Jan 1998 Place Athens, , Tennessee, USA
		Buried	Place Sullins Cemetary
		Spouse	Linda Odum
		Married	4 Oct 1958 Place , Virginia, USA
			

## Family Group Record

Husband		Fred Thomas Sr. Spain	
Wife		Hulda Alena Hoskins	
Children		List each child in order of birth.	
10	M	Arthur Ronald Spain	
	Born	1938	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
	Christened		Place
	Died		Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Beverly Jean Wright	
	Married	17 Jan 1957 (Div)	Place Niles, , Michigan, USA
11	M	Franklin Lee Spain	
	Born	11 Feb 1941	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
	Christened		Place
	Died	17 Jul 2008	Place Athena, , Tennessee
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Juanita Odum	
	Married	15 Aug 1964	Place Norfolk, Virginia, USA
12	F	Julia Elaine Spain	
	Born	1943	Place Niles, Mich.
	Christened		Place
	Died		Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Roger Glen Marrow	
	Married	28 Jul 1963	Place Buchanan, Mich



**Fred Thomas & Hulda Alena Hoskins Spain Family, Niles MI - 1944**

Back Row: Veva Florence, Mary May, Martha Lucille, Beverly Roxanne, Hattie Pauline, Frances Elizabeth, Carrie Isabelle.  
 Front Row: *Mother* Hulda Alena Hoskins Spain holding Julia Elaine on lap, Franklin Lee, Arthur Ronald, Fred Thomas Jr., Laura Laverna, & *Father* Fred Thomas Spain.

## Dora 1904 - 1950



### DORA OLIVE (HOSKINS) SPAIN Obituary

Dora Olive (Hoskins) Spain, 46, died (Thurs.) 15 Jun 1950 at Chanute Field Hospital in Rantoul, IL. The cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage...

The daughter of Truman Lee & Carrie Olive (Brown) Hoskins, she was born 25 Jan 1904 in Danville, IL. She married Jesse Wilbur Spain on 18 Aug 1919 in Danville, by Judge Brookwalter at the Courthouse. They had eight children, Truman Franklin "Buck"; Dorothy Maxine; Wilbur Lee; Margaret Irene; James Russell; Alice Arlene; Mildred Crawford (my Mother; she hated her middle name so much, that she refused to tell anybody what it was); and Robert Eugene.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Chanute Air Force Base Hospital, where she worked for five years. Dora's obituary said that her middle name was "Alice". I'm not sure where that information came from, but it was wrong.

At the time of her death, the survivors were her husband, Jesse, four sons, Truman and Wilbur Spain both of Potomac IL, James Spain of Washington, and Robert Spain at home; four daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Shumate of Potomac, Mrs. Irene Cundiff of Watseka, IL, Mrs. Alice Edwards of Hoopeston, IL and Miss. Mildred Spain, at home; her parents; three brothers, Harry and Jesse Hoskins both of Potomac, and Fred Hoskins of Williamsport IN; two sisters, Mrs.

Hulda Spain of Niles, MI, and Mrs. Alberta Sidwell of Potomac; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. (Sun) 18 Jun 1950, at United Brethren Church in Potomac. The Rev. D.V.C. Black, a Methodist Pastor, and Rev. Paine, United Brethren Pastor, officiated. Pallbearers were: Leslie Fegett, Leland Kinney, Leslie Cundiff, Vivian Hoth, William Owens Sr., and Emerson Shumate. Flower Girls were: Maude Fegett, Patricia Fegett, Janis Judy, Florene McNeely, Grace Holt and Laura Collins. The Scripture read was II Samuel 14-14.

*"For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him."*

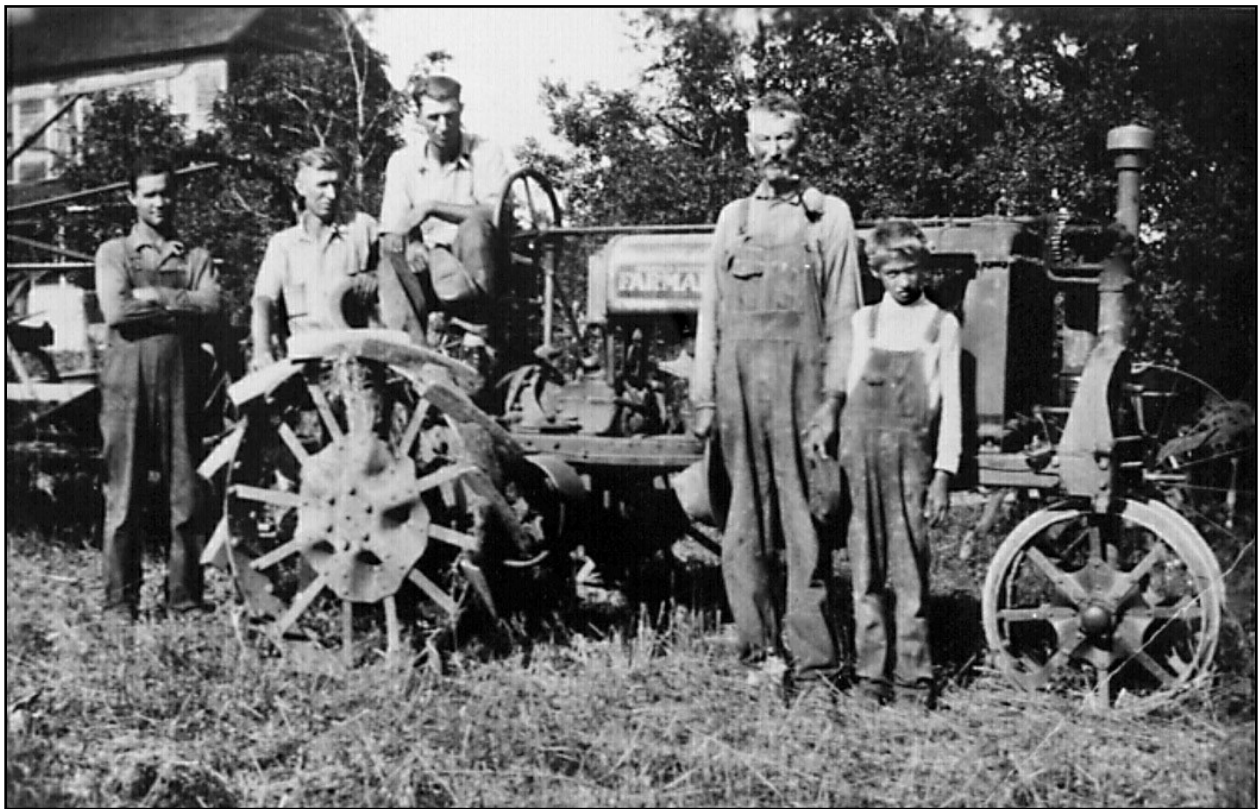
Burial was at Potomac Cemetery, Potomac, IL., Lot No. 252.

The above info was from Robert Sollars. Robert is Dora's husband Jess Wilbur Spain's grand nephew. Their common ancestors are Francis Marion Spain and Isabelle Nixon.



Picture above: Dora front right with classmates. Possibly Hulda next to her holding arms *Unsure*. Middlefork Twp., Vermilion County, Illinois









Farming has always been a family affair. Photo provided by June Duncan of Danville (formerly of Potomac), shows her family posing in 1934 in front of an old Farmall Tractor. Left to right are Rube Meitzler, Jesse Spain, Dave "Doc" Spain, (Junes' father), Frank Spain (June's Granddad), and Truman "Buck" Spain. The Familv Farm was west of Potomac.







Jesse Spain, Isabelle "Bell" Nixon Spain, Elizabeth A. Spain Sollars, Dora Hoskins Spain, Buck Spain and little Norma Jean Abbott - c.1944 - Potomac, Vermilion Co., IL

# Dora's Family Group Sheet

<b>Husband Jess Wilbur Spain</b>				
Born	7 Apr 1900	Place <Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois>		
Christened		Place		
Died	10 Jul 1962	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Buried		Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Married	18 Aug 1920	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Husband's father	Francès Marion Spain			
Husband's mother	Isabelle Nixon			
<b>Wife Dora O. Hoskins</b>				
Born	25 Jan 1904	Place <Danville, Vermilion, Illinois>		
Christened		Place		
Died	15 Jun 1950	Place Air Fore Base Rantoul, Illinois, USA		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Truman Leander Hoskins			
Wife's mother	Carrie Olive Brown			
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.				
M	<b>Truman Franklin Spain</b>			
Born	20 Aug 1920	Place		
Christened		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Spouse	Marjorie Ruth Owens			
Married	23 May 1942	Place Kansas City, Mo.		
F	<b>Dorthy Maxene Spain</b>			
Born	27 Aug 1923	Place		
Christened		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Spouse	Delbert Shumate			
Married	18 Feb 1943	Place Watseka, Illinois		
M	<b>Wilber Lee Spain</b>			
Born	8 Jan 1925	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Christened		Place		
Died	19 Jan 2007	Place Gibson City, Illinois		
Buried		Place Elliott, . Illinois		
Spouse	Norma Snider			
Married	10 Oct 1970	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois		
F	<b>Margaret Irene Spain</b>			
Born	21 Aug 1926	Place		
Christened		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Spouse	Francis Cundiff			
Married	20 Nov 1944	Place Oakwood, Illinois, USA		

## Dora's Family Group Sheet Cont.

<b>Husband</b> <b>Jess Wilbur Spain</b>		
<b>Wife</b> <b>Dora O. Hoskins</b>		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
5	M	<b>James Russell Spain</b>
	Born	18 Jun 1928    Place    Bremerton, Wash.
	Christened	Place
	Died	20 Mar 1969    Place    Portland, Oregon, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Jillie Cutilda Williams
	Married	1947    Place    Bremerton, Wash
		
6	F	<b>Alice Arlene Spain</b>
	Born	25 Jan 1930    Place    Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	William L. Miller
	Married	21 Apr 1967    Place    Champaign, Illinois, USA
		
7	F	<b>Mildred Crawford Spain</b>
	Born	8 May 1931    Place    Henning, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
	Christened	Place
	Died	10 Sep 2002    Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Carl E. Carpenter
	Married	2 Jul 1950    Place    Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		
8	M	<b>Robert E. Spain</b>
	Born	5 Dec 1933    Place    Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Leah Ruth Cox
	Married	14 Apr 1952    Place    Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
		



Fred

Frederick Oliver Hoskins Sr.

1917 - 1989



Submitted by Patsy (Hoskins) Hobaugh - second daughter of Fred O. Hoskins Sr.

My father, Fred O. Hoskins, Sr. born to Truman and Carrie (Brown) Hoskins, grew up in and around Potomac, Illinois. He was one who told many, many stories of his youth, very few of which I can remember at this point. The ones I recall most were stories of racing the family's horses with his teenage friends. He met and married Eva Louise Wells who grew up around Collison, Illinois. They lived near Potomac where three daughters (Annetta, Patsy, and Joyce) were born. Ann recalls that he delivered milk from a dairy when she was small.

Sometime before 1942, they moved to Warren County, Indiana, near West Lebanon where he worked for various farmers. During those years two sons (Fred Jr. and Dale) were born. Following working on farms, he worked at the Aluminum Plant in Lafayette and Harrison Steel plant in Attica. He then worked at Allith Prouty and Esco plants in Danville, Illinois.

In December 1950, they purchased a home and 20 acres which was south of Marshfield in southern Warren County Indiana. The word house is used very loosely. It was 4 small rooms of which the walls were made of cardboard boxes and one bedroom did not even have a ceiling. This was attached to what had originally been a log cabin with a dirt floor. The log cabin part of this later became a kitchen and utility room with cement floor and a bathroom was placed where the kitchen had originally been.

One incident recalled shortly after moving there of seeing a large lizard in the closet of a bedroom which had come down through the ceiling and the only you could see at first was the head which was mistaken for a snake. Ann recalls Dad sending Mom and we kids away for several hours during which he sat and watched the front doorstep and when that large lizard came out from under it, he shot it.

I don't remember my Dad ever whipping any of us girls. He only had to raise his voice and we thought we had been beaten. However the boys were a different story. He had a cattle whip he used when it was necessary. One day that whip came up missing and was never found until after the house sold many years later and then burned down. Behind the chimney, they found the whip which Dale admitted to having hidden.

Mother was a housewife in every sense of the word. I only remember her working one (yes one) day outside the home. She never had a driver's license. Daddy always joked (??) that a STOP sign to her meant "step toe on pedal". He said she came upon a crossroad, blew her horn, and kept right on going. I also recall Dad telling about Mom's love for hats. One time, on the way home from a night out away from kids, he was teasing her about the hat she had on. She rolled the window down, sent that hat sailing out, and never wore one again. Mom died in 1972.

Dad remarried in 1974 to a wonderful woman, Geraldine "Jerry" Kittle, who is the complete opposite of the "evil stepmother". He then sold the family home and moved to her home in Vermilion County near Perrysville, Indiana.

Married Eva Louise Wells 30-Nov.-1935 died 26-May-1973  
Married Geraldine Jewel Shumway-Kittle (Jerry) 19 Aug 1974 Lived in Williamsport Indiana

**FRED O. HOSKINS SR.**

Fred O. Hoskins Sr., 72, of Perrysville, died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 1989 in Highland Regional Hospital in Sebring, FL.

He was born June 26, 1917 in Potomac, IL, to Truman and Carrie (Brown) Hoskins. He was married to Louise Wells, Nov. 30, 1935. She died May 26, 1973. He was married to Geraldine (Shumway) Kittle, Aug. 15, 1974.

Survivors, include: his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Richard (Annetta) VanLeer, Mrs. Larry (Patsy) Hobaugh, and Mrs. Ronald (Joyce) Humphreys all of Williamsport; two sons, Fred Jr. and Dale, also of Williamsport; one stepson, Paul Kittle of Loma Linda, CA; a brother, Jesse Hoskins of Hoopeston, IL; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He had been a resident of Potomac, IL, in his early years and a resident of Williamsport, Rt. 2, from 1951-74. He moved to Rt. 1, Perrysville in 1974.

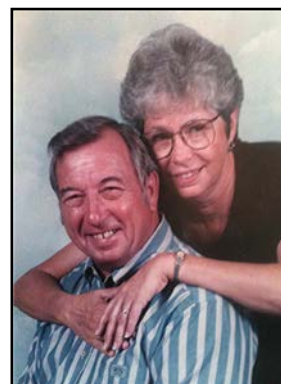
He was a shipping clerk at ESCO 1959-80 and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Danville.

Visitation was Thursday. Service on Friday at Shelby Funeral Home. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials contributions may be made to donor's choice may be made to donor's choice of Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**Larry A. Hobaugh**

**WILLIAMSPORT, Ind.** — Larry A. Hobaugh, age 68, of rural Williamsport, died of natural causes while turkey hunting on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. Larry was born in Marshfield on July 5, 1938. He was the son of Dale A. and Mary Louise (Morlan) Hobaugh. He was a lifelong resident of Warren County. He graduated from West Lebanon High School in 1956. On Sept. 15, 1956, he married Patsy D. Hoskins in Galloway Chapel. She survives. Larry worked at General Electric, later known as Valmont, in Danville, Ill., retiring in 1993. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1963. He was a member of the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene and the Fountain Lodge 60 F&AM. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His grandchildren and great-granddaughter were his life. Surviving with his wife, are, two daughters, Sherri Mullins (husband: David) of New Castle and Lisa Osborn (husband: Eric) of Covington; one brother, Harold Hobaugh (wife: Diane) of Bartlett, Tenn.; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, Leslie Peterson and her daughter, Charlee, Duane Peterson, Shannon Mullins, Tyler Mullins, Eric Osborn (wife: Tori) and Amy Osborn. Larry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Delmar Hobaugh. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. EDT Friday, April 27, 2007, at Grady Funeral Home in Williamsport with Masonic services at 7:45 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, April 28, at West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Jeff Allen officiating. Interment will be at West Lebanon Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be sent to [www.gradyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gradyfuneralhome.com).

Visitation will be at Grady Funeral Home in Williamsport on Friday, April 27, 2007 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. EDT with Masonic services at 7:45 P.M. Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. EDT at West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Jeff Allen officiating. Interment will be at West Lebanon Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene.



Larry Hobaugh and  
Patsy Hoskins  
Hobaugh



**Dale L. Hoskins Sr.**

Dale L. Hoskins Sr., 58, of Johnsonville, died at 4:52 a.m. EST Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis after a lengthy stay in the hospital.

Dale was born Dec. 12, 1948, in Williamsport. He was the son of Fred O. and Louise (Wells) Hoskins. He was a lifelong resident of Warren County. Dale was a 1967 graduate of Seeger High School. On Aug. 23, 1966, he married Beverly J. Cunningham in Danville, Ill. She survives.

Dale was a mechanic and truck driver and worked 31 years for Prairie Central in Danville, Ill. He was a member of the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene. He was also a member of the F&AM Lodge 352 West Lebanon where he was Past Master. Dale enjoyed being in the woods, fishing, hunting and mushroom hunting. He also enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, vintage street rods and especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Surviving with his wife, Beverly; four sons, Kim Lee Hoskins (wife: Cassi) of Williamsport, Paul Hoskins (wife: Tonia) of Johnsonville and Dale L. Hoskins Jr. (wife: Kim R.) and David Hoskins (wife: Kim), both of Danville, Ill.; his stepmother, Geraldine Hoskins of Perrysville; two sisters, Ann Van Leer (husband: Richard) and Patsy Hobaugh (husband: Larry), both of Williamsport; and 15 grandchildren. Dale was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Humphreys, one brother, Fred Hoskins Jr., and his parents.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. EST Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Grady Funeral Home in Williamsport with F&AM services at 7:30 p.m. Services will be at 11 a.m. EST Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene with Pastors Jeff Allen, John Francis and Sam Moore officiating. Interment will be at West Lebanon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene.

Picture to the right:

Back is Little Fred,  
and Dale

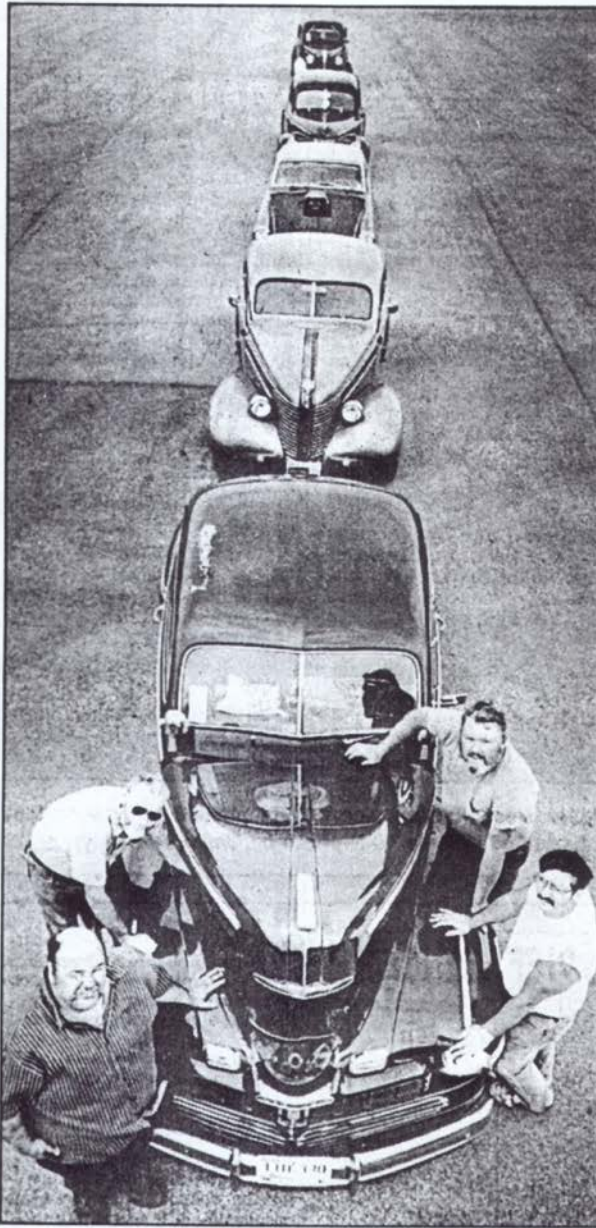
Center is Joyce,  
Patsy and Ann

Front is Geraldine  
(Jerry) and Fred





## Getting ready



Butch Durant, bottom left, John Kiser, Dale Hoskins and Johnny Miller look over Kiser's 1946 Mercury Coupe with their cars lined up behind his at the Vermillion County Airport. They are members of the Danville Vintage Rods Club who will be co-hosting with Poverty Rods of East-Central Illinois the eighth annual Great American Graffiti Night at the airport. It will be Sept. 9 with activities beginning at 2 p.m. More than 200 cars will be displayed at event. Proceeds from donations, after expenses, will be donated to Ronald McDonald Houses in Indianapolis and Springfield; last year the groups gave \$1,260 to each house. Sponsors for the night are McDonalds, WDNL and Coke. (C-N photo by Chuck Cannady)



C-N photo by Chuck Cannady

Fred Hoskins of Williamsport, Ind., Route 2 is one of a number of area residents who has made mammoth

mushroom finds. He found this specimen south of West Lebanon, Ind., near old U.S. Route 63.



Lester, Harry W., & Fred Hoskins



## Joyce M. (Hoskins) Humphreys

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind. — Joyce M. (Hoskins) Humphreys, 52, of Williamsport, Ind., Route 2, died at 11:48 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 6, 1992) at Community Hospital in Williamsport.

She was born Sept. 16, 1939, in Potomac, the daughter of Fred O. and Eva Louise Wells Hoskins Sr. She had lived most of her life on Route 2. She graduated from West Lebanon High School in 1957. She was married April 6, 1958, in Warren County, Ind., to Ronald L. Humphreys Sr., a serviceman for Overpeck Gas Company. He survives.

Mrs. Hoskins had been a pharmacist secretary at Hook's Drug Store in Covington, Ind., for the past 16 years. Prior to that, she was employed at Medline Industries. She attended the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Troy Chapter #145 of Covington.

Surviving: three sons, Ronald L. Humphreys Jr. of State Line, Ind., Jeffrey A. Humphreys of Williamsport, and James W. "Bo" Humphreys of West Lebanon; one daughter, Mrs. Thiron (Pamela J.) Allen of Perrysville, Ind.; two brothers, Fred O. Hoskins Jr. and Dale Lee Hoskins Sr., both of Williamsport Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Richard (Anne) Van Leer and Mrs. Larry (Patsy) Hobaugh, both of Williamsport

Route 2; her stepmother, Mrs. Fred (Jerry) Hoskins of Perrysville Route 1; and 14 grandchildren.

Visitation: 4-9 p.m. Wednesday at Fisher Funeral Home in Williamsport, with OES services at 8 p.m.; Funeral services: 11 a.m. Thursday at West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene; Officiating: Revs. Steve Pearce and Brent Ulrich; Interment: West Lebanon Cemetery.

Those so desiring may contribute in memorium to Warren County Cancer Society.



## Fred O. Hoskins Jr.

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind. — Fred O. Hoskins Jr., 56, of rural Williamsport (Johnsonville), died at 1:30 p.m. EST Wednesday (March 10, 1999) at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He had been in failing health several years.

He was born near West Lebanon on March 20, 1942, the son of Fred O. and Louise Wells Hoskins Sr. He graduated from Seeger Memorial High School at West Lebanon in 1962. He was a resident of Warren County and the Johnsonville community all his life. He was married June 20, 1963, in Cuba, Mo., to Betty J. Edgar, who survives. Mr. Hoskins had been a shipping clerk for Esco Corp. in Danville, Ill., for 26 years. He then worked at West Lebanon Co-op out of Veedersburg for several years, retiring in 1992 due to ill health.






He was a member of the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene. He loved to hunt, fish and garden. He loved the outdoors and especially loved his grandchildren.

Surviving besides his wife: three sons, Keith (Jeana) Hoskins of State Line City, Brian (Kelli) Hoskins of Bismarck, Ill., and Mike (Jami) Hoskins of West Lebanon; two sisters, Mrs. Richard (Ann) Van Leer of rural Williamsport and Mrs. Larry (Patsy) Hobaugh of rural Williamsport; a brother, Dale (Beverly) Hoskins of rural Williamsport; his stepmother, Gerry Hoskins of Perrysville; seven grandchildren, Megan, Kaylan, Katie, Alexa, Collin, Lake and Aidin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Joyce Humphreys.

Funeral services: 2 p.m. EST Sunday, March 14 at the West Lebanon Church of the Nazarene; Officiating: Pastor John P. Francis; Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. EST Saturday, March 13 at Fisher Funeral Home in West Lebanon; Burial: West Lebanon Cemetery; Memorial donations may be made to the family.

# Fred's Family Group Sheet

<b>Husband Sr. Frederick Oliver Hoskins</b>				
Born	26 Jun 1917	Place Potomac, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA		
Chr.		Place		
Died	26 Dec 1989	Place Sebring, , Florida, USA		
Buried		Place Mount Hope Cemetary Covington, , Indiana, USA		
Married	30 Nov 1935	Place Covington, Indiana, USA		
Husband's father	Truman Leander Hoskins			
Husband's mother	Carrie Olive Brown			
<b>Wife Eva Louise Wells</b>				
Born	15 Oct 1917	Place Fairchild, Illinois, USA		
Chr.		Place		
Died	26 May 1973	Place Williamsport, Indiana, USA		
Buried		Place Mount Hope Cemetary Covington, , Indiana, USA		
Wife's father	William Wells			
Wife's mother	Ollie Mae Gillespie			
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.				
1	<b>F Annetta Louise Hoskins</b>			
	Born	1937	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Richard Harold Van Leer		
	Married	31 Aug 1955	Place	
2	<b>F Patsy Darlene Hoskins</b>			
	Born	1938	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Larry Allen Hobaugh		
	Married	15 Sep 1956	Place Galloway Chpl. Marshfield, , Indiana, USA	
3	<b>F Joyce Marie Hoskins</b>			
	Born	16 Sep 1939	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	6 Sep 1992	Place Willaimsport, , Indiana, USA	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Ronald Lee Humphreys		
	Married	6 Apr 1958	Place Galloway Chpl. Marshfield, , Indiana, USA	
4	<b>M Jr. Fredeerick O. Hoskins</b>			
	Born	20 Mar 1942	Place Williamsport, Indiana, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	10 Mar 1999	Place Indianapolis, , Indiana, USA	
	Buried		Place West Lebanon, , Indiana, USA	
	Spouse	Betty Jean Edgar		
	Married	21 Jun 1963	Place Cuba, , Mo., USA	
5	<b>M Dale Lee Hoskins</b>			
	Born	12 Dec 1948	Place Williamsport, Indiana, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	4 Feb 2007	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Beverly Jean Cunningham		
	Married	23 Aug 1966	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	



## Alberta 1923-1982



Alberta married Leslie Sidwell, and lived in Potomac, Hoopeston, & Collison, Il. most of her life with Leslie. She divorced Leslie Sidwell, whom they had 3 children together (Thomas E. Hoskins "Sonny", Robert Dale Sidwell, and Nancy Jo Anne Sidwell). She then married Howard Porter, who had several children, (Roger, Mark, and a few others).

Her later years she worked and ran the Black Bear Inn, on Hungry Hollow road. That is where she was, up-stairs in her apartment, when she passed. If you can picture "Ma Kettle, of Ma and Pa Kettle fame, that was "Aunt Bert", rough, tough but with a heart of gold. She is buried in the Higginsville, Il Cemetery.

*From Harold Hoskins*

**Mrs. Alberta Porter**

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lanham-Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac, Ill., for Mrs. Alberta M. Porter, 59, of 1902 W. Williams St. She died at 6 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 2, 1982) at Lakeview Medical Center.

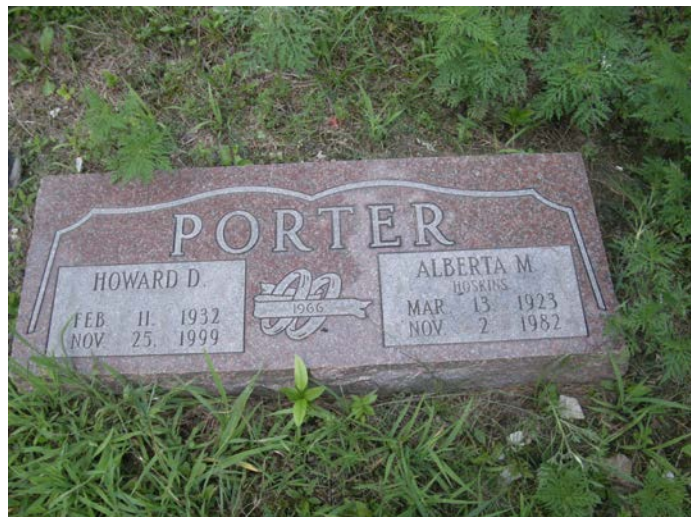
Dale Baldwin will officiate. Burial will be in Higginsville Cemetery north of Danville. Visitation will be from 6-9 tonight at the funeral home.

A Danville resident two years, she was a former resident of Potomac Route 1. She worked as a custodian at the Black Bear Inn 15 years. She enjoyed fishing and sewing.

Born March 13, 1923, in Potomac, she was the daughter of Truman and Carrie Brown Hoskins. She married Howard Porter, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Nancy Jo) England and Mrs. Ira (Lauri) Dillion, both of Danville; five sons, Thomas Hoskins of Pence, Ind., Robert Sidwell and Rick Porter, both of Danville, Roger Porter of Potomac and Gary Porter of Clarkrange, Tenn.; three brothers, Harry Hoskins of Pence, Fred Hoskins of Perrysville, Ind., and Jesse Hoskins of Hoopeston; a sister, Hulda Jarmon of Niles, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

Five sisters, two brothers and two grandchildren preceded her in death.



John T. Hoskins, Jesse Hoskins, Fred Hoskins, Alberta Hoskins  
and Hattie Snain Picture was 1927



Alberta's son  
Robert Dale Sidwell

**Robert "Bob" Dale Sidwell Sr.**, 64, of Danville, died Nov. 2, 2009, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Sidwell Justice; his children, Rob Sidwell, Jeff (Lova) Sidwell, Monica Sidwell and Jeffery Sidwell; sisters, Nancy "Jody" Sidwell, Pattie Sidwell and Loretta Sidwell; brothers, Junior (Janet) Sidwell, Roger (Julie) Porter and Rick (Pattie) Porter; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas "Sonny" Hoskins.

He was a construction worker and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He loved nature and fishing, camping and tinkering with mowers. Burial will be at the VA National Cemetery.



Robert and Grandson Cole

PENCE, Ind. - **Thomas E. "Sonny" Hoskins** of Pence passed this day, Feb. 1, 2006, at the age of 62 with his family and loved ones present.

Tom was born July 6, 1943, in Potomac, Ill., to Alberta Hoskins. He married Rita Shelato on Jan. 12, 1964, in Georgetown, Ill. She survives.

Tom had attended Armstrong High School in Armstrong, Ill. He worked for Stewart Grain Elevator for 22 years. He enjoyed making wood crafts and talking on the CB.

Surviving with his wife: two daughters, Mae (Bill) Dimmitt of Tilton, Ill., and Minda (Bill) Lister of Rossville, Ill.; two granddaughters, Rebecca and Kathleen Lister of Rossville, Ill.; four brothers, Robert (Joyce) Sidwell of Danville, Ill., Leslie (Janet) Sidwell Jr. of Westville, Ill., Roger (Julie) Porter of Potomac, Ill., and Rick (Patti) Porter of Danville, Ill.; one sister, Nancy "Jody" Sidwell Brown of Danville, Ill.; and his favorite niece, Sherri Conklin (Jerry) of Georgetown, Ill.

Tom was preceded in death by one daughter, Renita Ilene Hoskins, his mother, Alberta Sidwell Porter, stepfather, Howard Porter, and stepfather, Leslie Sidwell.

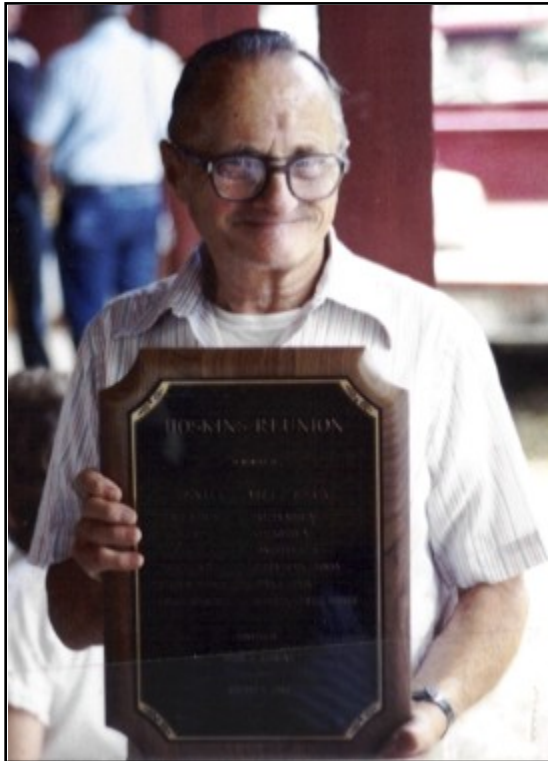
Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. EST Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Grady Funeral Home in West Lebanon; Services will be at 11 a.m. EST Friday, Feb. 3, in the chapel at the funeral home with Fred Sigle officiating. Interment will be at Jordan Cemetery in Pence. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Services entrusted to Grady Funeral Home.



Robert's Son Jeff  
Sidwell with his wife



## Jessie Sanford Hoskins



Jessie Sanford Hoskins was born May the 12th, 1926, 4:30 p.m., to Carrie O. Brown Hoskins and Truman Leander Hoskins. He was born in Potomac, Vermilion County, Illinois. He was delivered by Dr. W.S. Cossairt.

He joined the Army on the 20th Sept. 1944 and discharged 22 July 1946, demobilized. He served in the Philippines with following copied from dd214, Victory Medal Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with 2 Bronze Battle Stars Philippine Liberation Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Bars, & a Good Conduct Medal.

He married Christina Fern Norris, daughter of John Norris and Ethel Baker (Norris) Porter. They were married on 9th of April 1949. They resided in Hoopeston, Illinois most of their later years. He worked and retired from the "TIN CAN" also known as American Tin Can of Hoopeston, now known as Silgan. They had no children. He volunteered as a Boy Scout leader for well over 30 years. He volunteered at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency for 10 years or more. He liked making/fixing things in his

wood shop. Upon failure of wife (Fern's) health, he moved to Potomac (the very day she passed), Sept 9, 2006. He lived there until the V.A. had him admitted into the nursing home care at the V.A. and later transferred to the Asta Care Nursing Home \*(formerly Ford County Nursing Home), north of Paxton, Il.

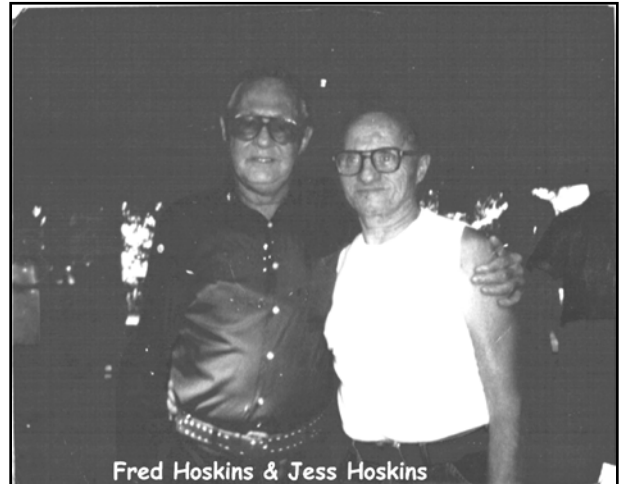
He was quite proud that he had marked the graves of three of his siblings at Wallace Chapel, north of Potomac, but never could find the locations of the graves in the Johnsonville Cemetery (3 miles west of Rt. one, on west, west newel road, Danville Illinois.

At this writing, he is a resident at Asta Care. He has Alzheimer's, loss of vision, and often lethargic, but other times quite vocal and rambunctious.

Harold Hoskins 2012







**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

(A sufficient number of these cards will be distributed to each soldier when his mail address is changed to permit him to send one to each of his regular correspondents.)

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This is to advise you that my correct address now is—

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Signature *Jesse S Hoskins*

NOTE.—Newspapers and magazines may need your old address for correct processing.

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*Jesse*  
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**CO. E. 2nd. Reg. A.G.F.R.D. 2 FT. ORD - CALIF**

Below: Jesse Hoskins, Michael Hoskins, & Gus Hoskins



Jesse Hoskins, Buck Spain, Little Bobby Spain and Jim Spain at Jesse and Dora Hoskins Spain's home west of Potomac, IL 1942

## Eva Virginia May Hoskins' Brother George Alden "Al" May

Commercial-News Obituary

George Alden "Al" May, 93, of Potomac died at 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville.

Al was born July 27, 1916, in Potomac, the son to John and Ida Mae May. He married Alice J. Rouse of Oakwood on Feb. 28, 1935, in Minister C.L. Finley's home.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; two sons, Daryl (Brenda) May of Belleair, Fla., and Gary May of Potomac; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He also is survived by a special nephew and his wife, Richard and Phyllis Hoskins, and friends Martin and Helen Whited. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eva May Hoskins; and an infant brother.

Al attended Potomac schools and was a life-long member of the Illinois Carpenters Union, retiring in 1962. He also was a life-long member of the Potomac First Church of Christ.

He was an avid musician, artist, woodworker, hunter and fisherman.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at First Church of Christ, Potomac. Pastor Randy Walters to officiate. Burial: Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac.

The family request in lieu of flowers that memorials be given to the Potomac First Church of Christ or Pleasant Meadows Christian Village 400 W. Washington Ave Chrisman IL 61924 The May family has placed its trust in the Wolfe Funeral Home of Potomac.



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Mr. and Mrs. George "Al" May of Potomac will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 26 at the First Church of Christ on May Street.

May and Alice Rouse were married Feb. 28, 1935, at the home of the late C.L. Finley, former minister of the United Brethren Church in Oakwood. George has been a member of the local carpenters union for 65 years. They have two sons, Daryl (Brenda) of Clearwater, Fla., and Gary (Randee) of Collison. The couple requests no gifts.

### **Couple to fete 50th**

Mr. and Mrs. George "Al" May of Potomac, Ill., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Potomac Church of Christ.

The event will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoskins and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Whited.

May and Alice Rouse were married Feb. 28, 1935, at the Oakwood, Ill., United Brethren parsonage by the Rev. C.L. Finley.

He is a retired carpenter.

They have two sons: Daryl and Gary, both of Clearwater,



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE 'AL' MAY**

Fla. They also have six grandchildren.

The couple request gifts be omitted.

### **Alice Jane May Obituary**

POTOMAC, ILLINOIS — Alice Jane May, 93, of Potomac, died at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at the Vermilion Manor Nursing Home in Tilton.

Alice was born June 25, 1916, in Oakwood, the daughter of Wymond and Sara Rouse. She married Alden May of Potomac on Feb. 28, 1935, in Minister C.L. Finley's home.

Survivors include two sons, Daryl (Brenda) May of Belleair, Fla., and Gary May of Potomac; a brother, James Rouse; a sister, Sara Lee Tucker; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

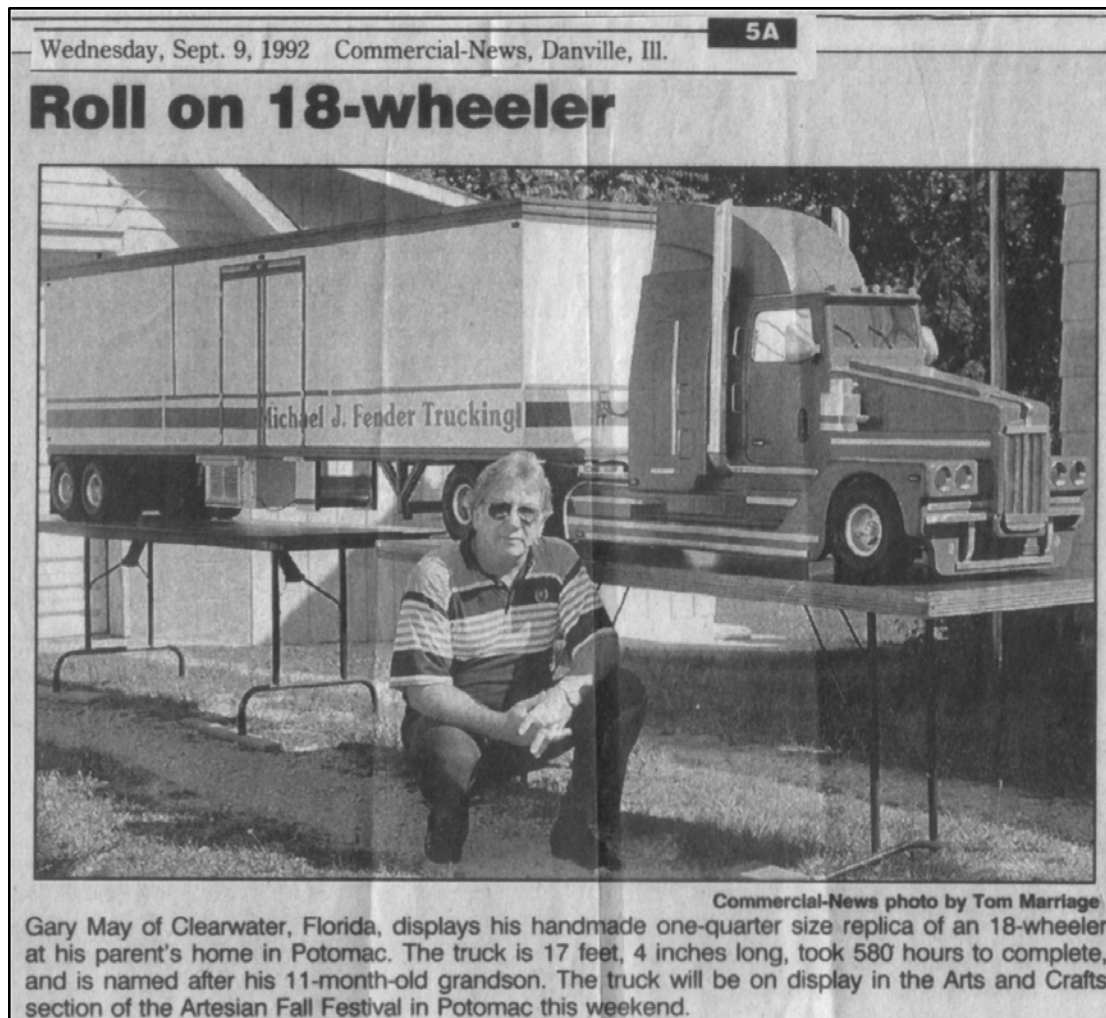
She also is survived by a special nephew and his wife, Richard and Phyllis Hoskins, and friends, Martin and Helen Whited.

She was preceded in death by husband, Alden May; her parents; a brother; and two sisters. Alice attended Oakwood schools and was a lifelong member of the Potomac First Church of Christ.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at First Church of Christ, Potomac. Pastor Randy Walters to officiate. Burial: Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be given to the Potomac First Church of Christ or Vermilion Manor Nursing Home.

The May family has placed its trust in the Wolfe Funeral Home of Potomac.





POTOMAC, Ill. — A small-town kid can grow up to do many things as Daryl May of Potomac has proven with his branching interests and talents.

May is an entertainer at the Schooner Lounge in Clearwater Beach, Fla. He spent a few days in his home town recently to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden May, and old friends.

An entertainer for 10 years, May's opening line illustrates his various experiences and abilities.

"I can talk about Yankees, because I've been one; I can talk about rednecks, because I've become one; I can talk about cops, because I was one for nine years; and I can talk about Canadians, because I've seen a passel of 'em," he said.

May entertains tourists from the United States, Canada and Europe with "good natured southern humor" that leaves the tourists laughing at themselves and the local people laughing, too, he said. He creates new humor and borrows from old joke ideas to keep his audiences laughing.

Dealing with hecklers is a routine matter for May, since there is, at least, one heckler every night, he said. He uses a standard line to quiet him, "Let me buy you a drink to go."

If that doesn't quiet the heckler, he delivers a sharper line, "We'd give you a good enema, (we could) send you home in a match box."

Switching from nine years of law enforcement as a sheriff's deputy in Pinellas County to the entertainment world occurred with the help of some friends who were in the business, he said.

During the seventh year of his law enforcement career, May began tiring of the rugged side of life. At the end of two more years, he was ready to leave police work for show business and happier work experiences.

May launched his career in entertainment as a singer and has written many of the songs used on his shows. His two albums, sold exclusively in his lounge, include all songs that he

## DARYL MAY



has written. Over the 10-year period, his act has become "85 percent comedy," May said.

When he first moved to Florida, May attended St. Petersburg Junior College to study architecture. Although he graduated with an associate degree, he found that his interest did not lay in this area. He worked five years in a large grocery store before becoming a sheriff's deputy.

For the past year, May has lived on a 34-foot houseboat docked at a yacht club in Clearwater Beach. May purchased the boat because he was "tired of house maintenance and of living in motels," and it allows him to enjoy greater independence, he said.

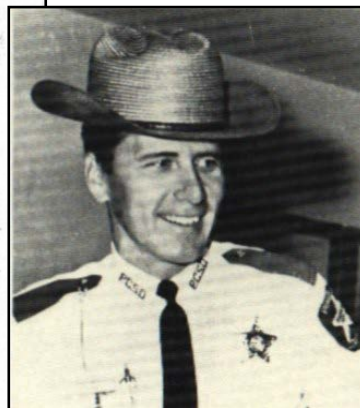
As a water lover, May has rafted rivers and enjoyed the experience so well that he decided to share it with others by writing about it. He has cited the Wabash River as one he has long dreamed of rafting and hopes to take a trip with a homemade raft in about three years.

Next spring, he plans to drive his van along the Ohio River from its source near Monaca, Penn., to Cincinnati or to Cairo, Ill. He said, he believes that there is much to learn from small quiet communities clustered along the river.

After his visit with family and friends in Potomac, May was scheduled to drive to Nashville, Tenn., to interview with Key Publishing and Management, a recording company, interested in him as a singing talent.

May said, his next stop will be Clearwater Beach to check his boat, a three-week gig in Jacksonville follows and, then, a rafting trip on the Chatooga River.

May is a 1955 graduate of Potomac High School.



Daryl May was one of Pinellas County's finest Deputy Sheriffs—possessing love, understanding, and compassion for others—and is my friend. His decision to change his profession from law enforcement to music and entertainment was certainly a loss to law enforcement but a tremendous asset to the entertainment world, and we are delighted. "Whatever the wealth of our treasure trove, the best we shall find is a friend."

Sheriff Don Genung, Retired  
Pinellas County, Florida



The above picture was taken from Daryl May's Album "Laughing on the Inside."

It reads: The cover photo is not a picture of a war detention camp but my high school Potomac, Ill. As you can read on everyone's faces, going to school in a minute corn town on the Illinois Prairie was a real joy... of course we're "Laughing on the Inside".

1<sup>st</sup> Row: Dale Berry, Don Jolley, Clare Long.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Leon Lindley, Gene Ermentrout, GERRAL Fegget, Daryl May, Adam Hoskins.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Leola Bradley, Deloris Haden, Mary Jane Pierce, Gwen Schmink, Norma Lynch, Bud Ferrill.

Songs from the album include "North Country", "Seven Miles from Nowhere", "Payday's Child" and others including a laugh side of the album.



For nine years Illinois-born Daryl May was a deputy sheriff in Florida's Tampa Bay area. He left law enforcement to become a sculptor, singer, song writer, guitar player and comedian. May has performed his music throughout the Caribbean, and as far away as Australia. His music has been recorded by country star Mel Tillis, and Daryl has written and performed songs for the PBS TV series, *The Home Front*.

*Rachael's Splendifilous Adventure* is Daryl's first book and was inspired by memories of his three children, now grown. He has five more children's books in the works, hopes to do a film on Costa Rica's tiny mountain railroad...and hankers to sing a duet with Willie Nelson, because, he says, "everyone else has."



Daryl May holds an exact replica of the cavalry saber, nicknamed "Wristbreaker," carried by his ancestor, U.S. Army Col. Charles A. May.

BELLEAIR — Amid shelves of weapons in a private warehouse at the back of the Smithsonian museum, Daryl May held two pieces of history.

He had spent 15 years researching the life of his ancestor Col. Charles Augustus May, an eccentric and headstrong man who fought in the Mexican-American War in the 1840s. In June, he stood in a private section of the Smithsonian with gloved hands, holding two guns custom-made for his ancestor by Samuel Colt and inspecting the worn inscriptions in the metal.

"It was the thrill of my life," said May, 75.

It began with a stack of leather-bound history books May found in his father's house in Illinois in 1995. May, a former Pinellas County sheriff's deputy and professional entertainer, was wiping the dust off their covers when he first discovered Charles A. May within their pages.

"I dropped one, and it fell open, and there was a brief mention of Capt. Charles Augustus May and his charge at the battle of Resaca de la Palma," he said. "I looked at that and I thought, 'Who's this guy?'"

After poring over books and diaries and corresponding with historians, May now answers that question with a 200-page manuscript he wrote that will become part of the Smithsonian's files.



Daryl May, Alice and Alden May with Daryl's son Scott May.



## **Ninth Generation From John Hodgkinson**

In This Section

Truman Leander Hoskins

Carrie Olive Brown Hoskins

John C. Eret May

Ida Mae Brooks May



Cont.

## Family Group Record

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<b>Husband Truman Leander Hoskins</b>	
<b>Wife Carrie Olive Brown</b>	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.	
8 M	<b>Lester Leroy Hoskins</b>
Born	Place
Chr.	Place
Died	9 Feb 1915 Place
Buried	Place , Johnson Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA
Spouse	
Married	Place
9 M	<b>Sr. Frederick Oliver Hoskins</b>
Born	26 Jun 1917 Place Potomac, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA
Chr.	Place
Died	26 Dec 1989 Place Sebring, , Florida, USA
Buried	Place Mount Hope Cemetary Covington, , Indiana, USA
Spouse	Eva Louise Wells
Married	30 Nov 1935 Place Covington, Indiana, USA
10 F	<b>Alberta M. Hoskins</b>
Born	13 Mar 1923 Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
Chr.	Place
Died	2 Nov 1982 Place
Buried	Place
Spouse	Howard Porter
Married	Place
11 M	<b>Jessie Sanford Hoskins</b>
Born	12 May 1926 Place Potomac, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA
Chr.	Place
Died	Place
Buried	Place
Spouse	Christina Fern Porter
Married	10 Apr 1949 Place Watseka, Illinois, USA
12 M	<b>Ezra Hoskins</b>
Born	Place
Chr.	Place
Died	Place
Buried	Place , Johnson Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA
Spouse	
Married	Place



On the Left:

Carrie Olive Brown &

Truman Leander Hoskins



**Biography: Truman Leander Hoskins**, son of Ezeriah Hoskins and Lucrita Fugate, was born 19 Dec 1874 in Stearn Co. Minn. in a homesteaders cabin during a pre-Christmas snow storm.

The 1880 Federal Census finds Truman living with his parents, 40 year old Ezeriah and 38 year old Lucretia, at that time Truman was listed as 8 years old. The Census showed them living in Middelfork Township, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Truman grew and married Carrie Olive Brown July 4th 1900 in Danville, Illinois.

The 1900 Census reveals Truman living in Blount Township.

The 1920 Census shows them living in Newell Township and by 1920 back to Middelfork Township, all in Vermillion County, Illinois.

In 1918 Truman was drafted for the WWI Enlistment. Apparently he did not meet the requirements and did not serve. Probably due to the fact that he had 3 children at the time and he was 44 years old.

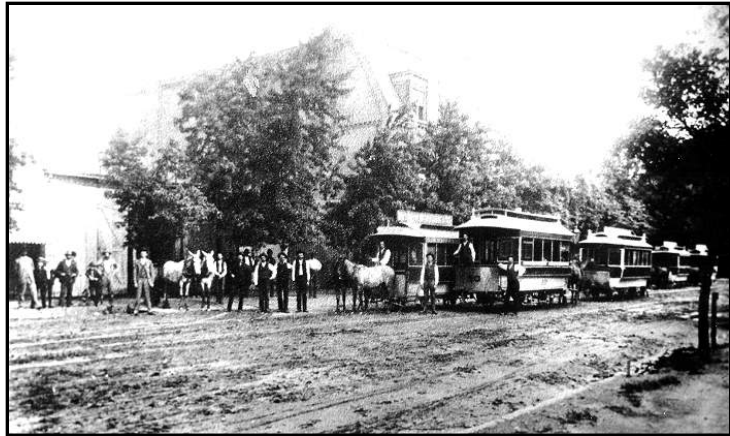
Truman and Carrie had twelve children, six of whom died in infancy.

Carrie Olive Brown Hoskins died 3 Jan 1950, and one daughter, Mrs. Dora Spain preceded her in death by six months.

Truman was married 4 Oct 1954, at the age of eighty, to Mrs. Nancy Layton of Potomac Illinois.

On his 85th birthday he had 105 descendants he was retired from farming and spent most of his life in the Potomac and Danville areas. He worked awhile for the Danville Street Railway Company at the time when the switch was being made from the old horse cars to the electrics later referred to as the Interurban.

The interurban succeeded as an alternative to transportation by horse-and buggy and helped to bridge the gap between two eras, the horse-and-buggy and the automobile.



Among Carrie & Truman's children was Harry W. Hoskins Born 30 Dec 1906.

Truman and Carrie had 12 Children 6 of whom died at birth.

- 1.Ezra
- 2.Le Roy
- 3.Elizabeth
- 4.Evelyn 1910
- 5.George 1908
- 6.Carl

All children listed above were mentioned by E.V.H. Journal and in Truman's Obituary mention was made of 6 children who died in infancy.

Nickname: Truman apparently had a nickname that I heard about at the 2002 Hoskins Reunion He was referred to as "Pruny", because of the Prune wine he drank at times?

From: Jim Hoskins

John & Kay wrote....

In the Depression of 1929 everyone was out of money. But Truman worked for Jesse Stone he'd sit and straighten old used nails by the Kegs full all day for .25 cents a day. He'd make a garden and raised a pig in town in the back yard. Fed it scraps of food (Slop) from the table. Carried water to it, till it was big enough to butcher. (200-300 lbs) Then Dad (Harry) and uncle Fred would help him butcher it. They would put the fat in a big iron kettle and boil the fat and skin to make Cracklins and Lard. The pork chops were cooked and put in canning jars and the lard was poured over the pork chops and they cooled down and put away for winter. The Bacon and ham's were carved and hung up in a dry place to cure in a pantry. He had a two wheeled push cart, wheels about 3 ft In and the bed was 3X4 and 14" deep. We would haul cobs from the old elevator on



the west side of town and sell a load for .10 cents to .25 cents a load. He helped us kids get started making money.

Grandad chewed tobacco (red Man) I stepped on a nail and he put a chew of it in the nail hole on my foot. (I was 5 years old) My mom just raised the dickens with him about old remedies, not to doctor her kids anymore.

He received 27.00 a month retirement. Truman was a quiet man done a lot for Grandma. Cooked, Washed, carried her to the Pot, put her clothes on her give her a bath. Kathryn wrote ...His Grandpa Truman just got the old age pension like my grandma. He just done odd jobs. He helped dig the sewer system in Potomac. He worked for Grant Judy clearing off the sidewalks in Potomac with his snow plow. The pension was \$27 a month. Be hard to live on now.

On 85th Birthday

# Retired Potomac Area Farmer Gets Good Wishes from 105 Descendants

By MERRILL FAULK  
C-N Staff Writer

A few days ago Truman L. Hoskins of Potomac celebrated his 85th birthday, while 105 living descendants scattered over the world from Alaska to Hawaii, wished him well.

Hoskins, who retired from farming several years ago, has spent most of his life in the Potomac and Danville areas. His farming was done around the former city but he worked awhile for the Danville Street Railway Co. at the time when the switch was being made from the old horse cars to the electric.

He was born in Stearn County, Minn., in a homesteader's cabin during a pre-Christmas snowstorm, Dec. 19, 1874. His father, Azariah Hoskins, was born in the old town of Denmark, now submerged by Lake Vermillion, while his mother, Lucretia Fugate Hoskins, was a native of Kentucky.

The family undertook to homestead a place near Fairhaven, Minn., but after a losing fight against winter blizzards, summer drought, wolves and grasshoppers, they sold out to relatives and returned to the vicinity of Potomac.

Later they traveled to the South and settled near Tullahoma, Tenn., but this venture also was unsuccessful. They started northward by flat boat to Vincennes, Ind., and from there brought their belongings back to the Danville area by horse and wagon.

Hoskins was married to Carrie Olive Brown July 4, 1900. They had 12 children, six of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Hoskins died Jan. 3, 1950, and one daughter, Mrs. Dora Spain, preceded her in death by six months.

Hoskins was married Oct. 4, 1934, at the age of 80, to Mrs. Nancy Layton of Potomac. His living children and their descendants are: Harry, Potomac, 10 children and 10 grandchildren; Fred, Williamsport, Ind., five children and two grandchildren; Jessie, Hoopeston, no descendants; Mrs. Hulda Jarman, Niles, Mich., 12 children and 26 grandchildren; and Mrs. Alberta Sldwell, Armstrong, Ill., three children and no grandchildren.

Three grandsons are now serving in the U. S. Navy — one stationed in Hawaii, and two at Norfolk, Va. Six saw service during World War II and the Korean War. One son, Jessie, also participated in World War II.

Hoskins is one of eight children. Only one other survives, William (Bill) Hoskins of Pence, Ind.



**MEMORIES** — Truman Hoskins, Potomac, retired farmer, studies family history, which requires a little time, since he has 105 living descendants. He was born in Minnesota, migrated to Tennessee and back to Illinois.



Bottom Left:  
Truman and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wife Nancy  
Layton

Bottom Right:  
Truman sitting  
by tree with son  
Harry Walter  
Hoskins &  
Grandkids





Truman Hoskins, Richard Hoskins, John May,  
Harry Harvey Hoskins,  
Carrie Hoskins



Hoskins - Harry, Truman, John



Dale, & Jerry

REGISTRATION CARD	
SERIAL NUMBER	2613
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Blanche W. Ill	
NEAREST RELATIVE	
Carrie Hoskins	
Blanche W. Ill	
I declare that I have furnished correct information and that it is true	
F. M. G. O.	

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Truman Leander Hoskins

### ***Funeral in Potomac For Truman Hoskins***

(Potomac (Special))

Funeral services for Truman L. Hoskins, 88, of Potomac will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday in Lanham Funeral Home, Potomac. The Rev. Robert Bowne, pastor of the Methodist Church, will officiate, and burial will be in Potomac Cemetery.

Mr. Hoskins died early Tuesday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Leslie Sidwell, near Collison. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hoskins leaves 135 descendants, including five children whose names were listed Tuesday.

## **Area Deaths**

### **Truman L. Hoskins**

POTOMAC (CNS)—Truman L. Hoskins, 88, a resident and farmer in the Blue Grass community most of his life, died Tuesday (March 19, 1963) at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Sidwell. He had been ill since suffering a stroke two weeks ago.

Born in Minnesota, he came to the area as a child. He was married July 4, 1900, to Carrie O. Brown, who preceded him in death in January 1950. He was later married to Nancy Layton, who survives.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sidwell of Armstrong Rural Route and Mrs. Hulda Jarman of Niles, Mich.; and three sons, Jessie of Hoopeston, Fred of Williamsport, Ind., and Harry of Potomac. He also was preceded in death by seven children.

The body is at the Lanham Funeral Home. Arrangements are incomplete.



Carrie & Truman Hoskins

## Truman L. Hoskins Siblings



Above: Sisters to Truman Hoskins

Dora Married John Frank Taylor

Margaret was married to William Smiley and Leander Morrison

Ida was married to John Johnson

Leona was married to Robert Kim Parks. *Possible other marriages.*



William A.



Susie Hoskins Miller - Jan 21, 2003  
This is the family of Bill and Arrilla Hoskins, my great-grandparents.  
Bill (Truman's brother) is the tall guy on the far left.  
My grandpa, Frank Hoskins, is next to him, then Great-Grandma Arrilla,  
then Marley, then Beulah and Mary. Aaron Hoskins  
is the little guy in the front.



John William Hoskins  
(Bill)





Harold Frank, Albert Arron, Marley Opal  
Beulah May, John William (Bill) , Arilla Moss, Mary Elizzabeth HOSKINS

Above is John William Hoskins (Bill) with his wife Arilla and Children. Bill Settled in Vermillion County, Illinois and started a tannery and burned brick in what is now the southern part of Danville.



Left: Lester Seymore Hoskins brother  
of Truman Leander Hoskins



# 'I Was Prayed Out,' Declares Minister Rescued After 90-Minute Burial in Ditch

By REGINA LE PAGE  
 "That's a lot more light than I had in that hole."  
 This was the chucking response of the Rev. T. A. Gookin when Commercial-News photographer Johnny Wines using a flash bulb snapped his picture of a St. Elizabeth Hospital bed Tuesday afternoon. And it was only an hour after he had been rescued from a cave-in of a drainage ditch, five to six feet deep, in which he had been working at the East Side Mission, a church he helped build himself.

"Our time to go is any time and I thought it was mine. I was ready. Pray, are you ministers—no," said the Naz interdenominational conducts the corner of Crawford church at the corner of Cleveland and Cleveland St.

Suffered No Injuries feeling mighty happy after he had been examined at St. Elizabeth's. He suffered when he might have three feet of earth was trapped by the injuries weren't there and he complained only of being "chilly" and of having been underground for 90 minutes.

At the bedside of the 66-year-old man was his wife of 36 years, Lena. She was more than at their home in Olivet when a fire, her of Floyd Hires, came to tell her of the accident and to bring her to the Danville. She was alone when, news came since the couple's son, Kenneth, lives in San Diego.

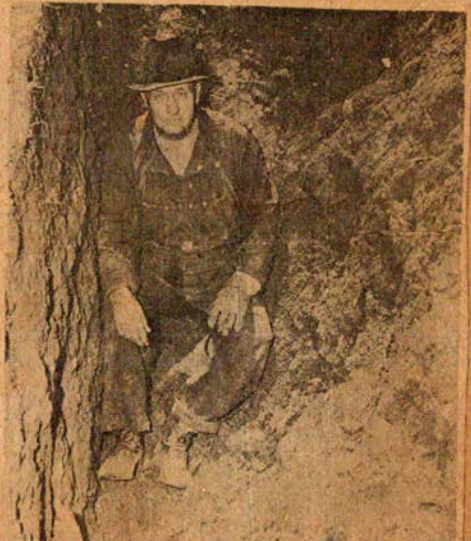
## Alone at Time

Mr. Gookin estimated that the dirt fell in on him about 10 minutes after a fellow worker, Clyde Haskins, left for lunch. And that was at 11:30 a. m. When Mr. Haskins, who is 65 years old, returned at 2:10 p. m. he could not find the pastor. Noticing the pile of dirt in the ditch he jumped in and then heard a sort of hissing sound. He immediately began to dig.

He frantically scooped about six inches of dirt away and Mr. Gookin's head was once again above ground. Then Haskins called for help. Neighbors heard him and summoned both the rescue squad and Central Fire.



The Rev. T. A. Gookin rests in a bed at St. Elizabeth Hospital after he had been rescued from a cave-in in a ditch he had been digging. He complained only of being "chilly" and cramped.



Clyde Haskins, workman who found the minister buried in three feet of dirt, sits in the ditch where the accident happened. Haskins uncovered Gookin's head and then called for help.

When the cave-in came, Mr. Gookin had just bent over to place a tile in the ditch. The earth caught him in this position and knocked him into a sitting position, bent forward. His hat fell down over his face and he managed to raise his hand to his face to brush dirt away and lower his hat even more. It is his hat that is credited with saving him from suffocation.

He tried to call for help and although a nearby resident thought she heard some sound, his calls were muffled to the extent that they brought no action.

## Remembers Policeman's Face

Although Haskins said that Mr. Gookin was praying constantly after he reached the scene of the accident, the minister says that he was not entirely conscious of his actions. He says that the first thing he remembers seeing was the face of a policeman and then of a woman who lives near the church.

After he had been placed in bed at the hospital and made comfortable, the cleric was mainly interested in not having to stay away from home overnight. However he was kept in bed at the hospital and his condition was reported as "good" Wednesday.

*This is my father*

*I've helped build this church in 1947*

## C. C. Hoskins Dies at 77

Clyde C. Hoskins, 77, of 5 Tennessee St., died at 10:35 a. m. Friday (April 24, 1959) in St. Elizabeth Hospital, where he was admitted 20 minutes earlier.

He was stricken ill at home and the rescue squad was called. He was taken to the hospital in the Jones-Sullivan ambulance.

The body is at the Jones-Sullivan Funeral Home. Arrangements are incomplete.

## Obituaries 4-26-59

### CLYDE C. HOSKINS

Services will be at 2:30 p. m. DST today at Jones-Sullivan Funeral Home for Clyde C. Hoskins, 77, of 5 Tennessee Ave., who died Friday in St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The Rev. T. A. Gookin will officiate, with burial in Gordon Cemetery.

Mr. Hoskins is survived by his second wife, Carrie whom he married in 1953; two sons, Charles and Clarence, Danville; two daughters, Mrs. Mable Barnes, Rossville and Mrs. Anna Foreman, Danville; two brothers, Truman of Potomac and Bill of Pence, Ind.; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. His first wife, Laura Fugate Hoskins, preceded him in death in 1945. Four sisters, one brother and one daughter also preceded him.

Clyde Hoskins

Brother to

Truman L. Hoskins

# Ancestry of Truman Leander Hoskins

					16 <b>Azariah Thomas Hoskinson</b> B: Abt 1740/1742 M: Abt 1768/1770 D: Abt 1793
				8 <b>Jeremiah H Hoskinson</b> B: 1775 P: ,(Ca.) Berkley, Virginia, USA M: 1797 P: Monongalia, Marion, V, USA D: 1827 P: ,Monroe, Ohio, USA	17 <b>Mary</b> B: 1755 D: Abt 1824
		4 <b>Azariah Hoskins</b> B: 17 Aug 1799 P: Monroe, Mongolia, Virginia, USA M: 1 Feb 1829 P: Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA D: 17 Mar 1874 P: ,Stearns, Minn		9 <b>Mary Scott</b> B: 1781 P: ,Mass D: 1811 P:	18 <b>Thomas Scott</b> B: M: D:
2 <b>Jr. Ezariah or Azariah Hoskins</b> B: 1 May 1846 P: Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA M: 13 Jun 1864 P: ,Vermilion County, Illinois, USA D: 30 Sep 1914 or 2 Oct 1914 P:					19 <b>Mary</b> B: 8 Jun 1755 D: 10 Nov 1842
				10 <b>George SWISHER</b> B: 1774 P: ,Guilford, North Carolina, USA M: 1796/1797 P: ,Guilford, North Carolina, USA D: Aft 1856 P: Decatur, ,Illinois, USA	20 <b>Franz Schweitzer</b> B: 1740/1745 M: D: Aft 1820
		5 <b>Salome Swisher</b> B: 13 Dec 1804 P: ,Guilford, N.C. D: 9 Feb 1895 P: ,Stearns, Minn			21 B: D:
				11 <b>Elizabeth Goodner</b> B: 1778 P: ,Guilford, North Carolina, USA D: 1870 P: Adair Co., Missouri	22 <b>P GOODNER (GUTTENER)</b> B: 1747/1750 M: 1773 D: 1783/1788
					23 <b>Mary Cunningham</b> B: 1755 D: LATTER PART 1796
1 <b>Truman Leander Hoskins</b> B: 19 Dec 1874 P: Fairhaven, Stearns, Minn M: 4 Jul 1900 P: Danville, Vermilion County, I, USA D: 19 Mar 1963 P: Collison, Vermilion County, I, USA					24 <b>Edward Fugate</b> B: Abt 1740 M: Abt 1770 D: 28 Sep 1806
		6 <b>Richard L. Fugate</b> B: 1820 P: ,Kentucky M: 26 Apr 1841 P: ,Pendelton County, K, USA D: Bef 1880 P: ,Vermilion, Illinois		12 <b>William L. Fugate</b> B: 1770 P: ,Scott County, Virginia, USA M: 25 Jan 1810 P: ,Bourbon County, K, USA D: Oct 1831 P: ,Pendelton County, K, USA	25 <b>Mary Hand</b> B: Bef 1755 D:
	Carrie Olive Brown (Spouse of no. 1)			13 <b>Hannah Clements</b> B: 1780 P: ,Virginia, USA D: 20 Jul 1862 P: Fairmount Vance Twp, VC, Ill	26 <b>Thomas Clements</b> B: M: D: 6 Nov 1850
					27 B: D:
					28 <b>John Thrasher</b> B: 15 May 1736 M: 1760 D: 1817
3 <b>Lucrita Fugate</b> B: 7 Nov 1848/1850 P: Henderson, Ky. D: 22 Dec 1910 P: Danville, Vermilion, Illinois			14 <b>Stephen Henry Thrasher</b> B: 17 Jan 1771 P: Redstone, FC, Maryland, USA M: 20 Feb 1812 P: ,Pendelton County, K, USA D: May 1831 P: ,Pendelton County, K, USA		29 <b>Elizabeth Ankrom</b> B: 29 Mar 1748 D: 1817/1820
		7 <b>Elizabeth Thrasher</b> B: 1824 P: D: Jul 1904 P: ,Illinois, USA			30 B: M: D:
			15 <b>Jane Powers</b> B: 1788 P: ,Pennylsylvania D: 1850 P: ,Pendelton County, Kentucky		31 B: D:



## Carrie Olive Brown Hoskins

Carrie Olive Brown was born on 19 Sep 1883 in Montezuma, Parke County, Indiana, to George Washington Brown and Samantha Shute. Carrie was born a twin to Perry Olive Brown. Carrie and Perry had 2 older siblings, Fred Earl Brown b. 28 Jan 1878 and Bertha Cecil Brown b. 31 March 1880. Carrie married Truman Hoskins on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1900. The 1910 Census shows Truman and Carrie living in Newell Township, Vermilion County, Illinois. Truman's parents Ezeriah (Azariah) and Lucretia are shown next to them on the Census indicating they lived close by. Carrie's brother Perry also showed up as being in the same household as Carrie.

Carrie's mother Samantha Shute remarried after the death of her husband George W. Brown to a John M. Moore m. 10 Mar 1918 who had a daughter Mary Elizabeth Moore b. 20 May 1897.

Carrie when her children were younger, heard her children screaming and thinking they were hurt ran out to them & she fell into a water wheel machine and it crippled her up really bad. She went from crutches to a wheelchair. Truman had to wait on her hand and foot. The children were only playing at the time. Her arms and hands drew up but she somehow crocheted. Info from John T. Hoskins

Marilyn Sue Hoskins Pettice *Great Granddaughter* used to get their groceries (*Truman and Nancy*) when she was 10 or 12 yrs old. Great Grandmother would give her cookies or 5 or 10 cents. She was real nice and Great Grandpa would give her drinks from the artesian well on the back porch and show her his garden and all the stuff in his shed.



Great Grandma would show her pretty crocheted things.

Email From Penny Adams 29 Nov 2006  
Thanks sweetie for the info. I got bits and pieces from your dad, Bill, Pete and Sissy. It all came together ESP after your letter. It was a belt driven water wheel that grandma got caught in according to Sis and drug her into the paddles according to what Bill wrote me. He also said that when he was about 10 or so, he would go down and sit with her while Grandpa went to the Post Office and stop by ole Doc Ogles horse shoe pit and chat awhile with the other old cronies, than he would come home and Bill would leave to go home and do his chores. (Do you remember the ole horse shoe pit? It was on the north side of the alleyway that was north of the old school in Potomac.) I got a letter from your dad, and he said Grandma Carrie was a tiny thing but carried a big stick (her crutches) and had a heck of a whalap with them when you didn't mind or do what you were told to do.



Carrie Brown Hoskins

Sissy said she remembers Grandma Carrie being a sweet little ole thing, and that she wanted to make her 50th anniversary before she passed and I guess that came about and she lived for another 6 months. Also, she said that we girls were grandma's "Sweet Little Girls!". The boys must have been terrors! LOL! I do remember standing next to her wheel chair and watching her crochet as everyone says, but I believe Dad told me once that she did "Tatting." But either way I guess she was good at it, even being crippled as she was.

In the later years I remember Grandma Nancy as Marilyn Sue does, as we were able to go over to their house and visit and run errands for them. I remember her always having the warming ovens that was above the burners on that old cook stove crammed full of goodies, pies, cookies and cakes that she baked. And as for Grandpa Pruny, he was always trying to get us to eat those god awful dried up prunes that he ate almost all the time oooooorrrrrrrr he would offer us that nasty CLARK CINNAMON GUM - yuck!!!! I hated that stuff. And the funny part was he knew it and Grandma Nancy would come out on the porch and tell him to

quit teasing us and offer us some home baked goodies. He would just laugh. He was a funny little guy and I loved him. I remember when they separated him and Grandma Nancy because of health reasons. Aunt Bert had them both for as long as she could take care of them and then Truman came and lived with us. (I don't remember where Grandma Nancy went or when she died.) she died from cancer, one side of her face was really bad. Mom and I had to get him (Truman) out of bed in the mornings and take him to the bathroom, dress him, bathe him, put him in his wheelchair and at night, dress him again for bed and put him back to bed. I didn't always do it but helped when I was around. I often wondered if that didn't also lead to Grandma Eva's downhill fight as she passed the following September of the same year. Not that I blame Grandpa, Mom just always overdid for everyone else and never thought about herself ever.

I thought she was awesome. And this last High School Reunion in 05, Mrs. Hutton came up to me and gave me the greatest compliment I have ever had. She said that I looked just like Eva, my mom, except that I had red hair and she didn't. I almost cried, I still miss her to this day. ANYWAY, so much for the sad stuff. Thanks for the info and it will help me for future info for my kids. I mainly wanted the names of grandpa's siblings for the reunion project that I will be doing for next year.

Again Thanks and have a happy and safe holiday - take care, be safe and God Bless you and your loved ones. Love 4 always Aunt Penny. *Esther Virginia Hoskins Adams.*



## Carrie Olive Hoskins

Mrs. Carrie Olive Brown Hoskins, 67, died at 5:55 a. m. Wednesday at the Lake View Hospital where she had been a patient two days. She had been an invalid several years.

She was born September 19, 1883, near Montezuma, the daughter of George and Samantha Shute Brown. She was married July 4, 1900 to Truman L. Hoskins who survives.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Hulda Spain, of Niles, Michigan, and Mrs. Alberta Sidwell of Potomac; three sons Harry of Potomac, Fred of Williamsport, and Jesse and a twin brother Perry Brown, both of Danville and a brother Fred Brown of Potomac, a halfsister, Mrs. Mary Bailey of Danville, 37 grandchildren and 25 great-grand children.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Methodist Church in Potomac. The Rev. E. B. Payne, pastor of the United Brethren Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Potomac cemetery, with the Lamham Funeral Home in charge.



Aunt Penny (Ester V. Hoskins Adams) wrote and told me... (Jim)

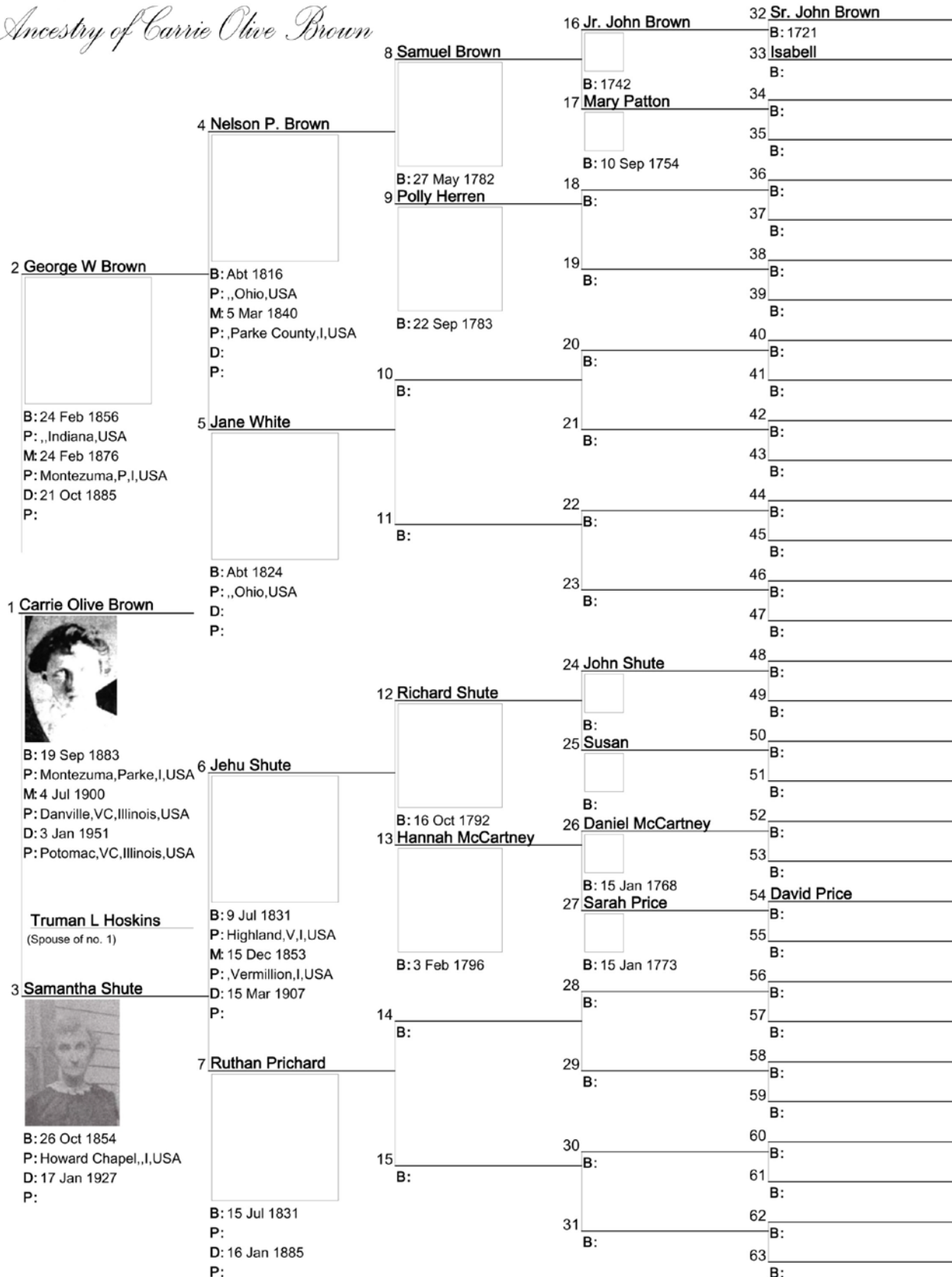
“Grandma Carrie also Tatted, embroidered, crocheted and cross stitched, your Grandpa Harry use to also do these things with her while spending time with her, I have an embroidered Peacock hanging on my wall that he did.”

To the Right: Carrie Olive Brown Hoskins July 1939. About 56 years old.





# Ancestry of Carrie Olive Brown



## The Ancestry of Carrie Olive Brown

**Carrie's Father was George Washington Brown** born on 24 Feb 1856 in Indiana.

George W. Brown (1856-1885), 1880 Census shows he was born in Indiana, he was a Farmer, and his parents were from Ohio.

He married Samantha Shute (1854-1927), 25 Feb 1875 in Indiana.

After the death of her husband, Samantha married John M. Moore and resided in the area of Potomac, Vermilion Co., IL. When she died in 1927, she was laid to rest beside her 1st husband, George, and a stone with their names on it is next to this larger grave monument in the Montezuma Cemetery in Montezuma, IN.

George and Samantha's youngest of four children, Carrie Olive Brown, grew up to marry Truman Leander Hoskins, and their daughters, Hulda and Dora Hoskins married Spain brothers, Fred and Jesse, children of Frank and Belle Nixon Spain.

George and Samantha were married in 1876 in Montezuma, Parke County, and are listed in the 1880 Census Parke County, Indiana Reserve Township with 2 of their children Frederick age 2 and Bertha 2 months. Carrie and Perry did not arrive until 1883. "Farewell my wife and children all, From you a Father Christ doth call, Mourn not for me, it is vain to call me to your sight again".

It is believed that George W. Brown's parents are Nelson P. Brown and Jane White. The 1860 Census of Parke County Indiana Pg 91 Walbash Township shows the following.

Nelson Brown Age 44 Male Farmer Value of Real Estate 4000 Personal Estate 2000 Born in Ohio

Jane Age 36 Female Born in Ohio

Andrew Age 18 Male Born in Indiana

Ansell Age 14 Male Born in Indiana

Lydia A. Age 11 Female Born in Indiana

George W. Age 3 Male Born in Indiana

Liona Age 11/12 Female Born in Indiana

Tobitha Robbins Age 15 House Servant Born in Indiana

Nelson also had a brother Oliver Perry Brown for whom I (*James Hoskins*) believe Carrie Olive Brown's Middle name came from and her twin brother's name Perry.

The following is from - Portrait & Biographical Record of Montgomery, Parke & Fountain Counties, Indiana. Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1893, Page 237

BROWN, O. P. farmer and stock dealer, Montezuma, is one of 8 children of Samuel and Mary Brown, who were natives of Pa, and came to Butler County, Ohio in the year 1809, and located on a farm near the town of Venice, where the subject of this sketch was born November 15, 1823 and in 1824 his parents removed to Parke County, IN and settled on a farm in Reserve township, where Mr. Brown now lives. Like most of the pioneers of this country, Mr. Brown had but few advantages, and he has had to make his own way in the world. He received a common school education, such as could be obtained in those days, and at the age of 25 he began farming for himself, and today is one of the largest farmers of Parke Co. He has added yearly for the last 20 years to his farm 100 acres of as fine land as Parke Co. affords, until at the present writing he owns 2,500 acres. All of this is due to Mr. Brown's industry, economy, and a close attention to business. As an idea of the extensive scale upon which he farms and deals in stock, we may

mention that in 1863 he clipped 5,500 pounds of wool and raised 527 lambs. Mr. Brown's father died in this county in 1855 and his mother the same year. Mr. Brown is one of Parke County's most respected citizens, and was honored by the people of the county in 1879 by being elected county commissioner. He has been twice married, first to Mary Moore, November 1, 1849, and the last time to Nancy Warner, February 12, 1856. (Beadle, J.H. 1880 History of Parke County, Indiana (from Historic notes on the Wabash Valley and History of Vigo County) Chicago: H. H. Hill & N. Iddings, Publishers reprinted 1977 by The Bookmark, Knightstown IN).

Oliver P. BROWN. Time has dealt kindly with this gentleman and his wife, and has enabled them to lay aside the labors they bore in former years and settle down to the enjoyment of the physical comforts and social pleasures their adequate means and good taste make possible and agreeable. They have an extended acquaintance and have long been known as among the best representatives of the agricultural class in Reserve Township Parke County. The estate, which is a very valuable one, comprises over 3,300 acres in this township and 190 acres near Rockville. Our subject, who is perhaps the wealthiest resident of Parke County, is a native of Ohio, his birthplace being near Venice, Butler County. He was born to Samuel and Polly Herren Brown November 18, 1823. The grandfather of our subject, John Brown was born in Ireland and went to Mifflin County, Pennsylvania where he settled in Colonial days.

Oliver P. Brown was reared on his father's farm, receiving a fair education in the district schools of the locality. In 1850 he started in life for himself, buy 200 acres of unbroken land and by closely applying himself to the pursuits of farm life at the same time extensively speculating in grain and stock, he now ranks among the best agriculturists of this section and is proud of the fact that his possessions are the result of his own energy and good management. He was highly honored with the gift of the responsible office of county commissioner, being the first Democrat elected to the position in the long period of 20 years. Mr. Brown has twice married, his first union occurring November 1, 1849 to Mary, daughter of John and Rebecca WADE MOORE, who was an honored pioneer resident of Rock (sic) County, this state. Mrs. Brown was born in Parke County and was one of 3 children, the others bearing the names of Isabel and Rebecca. This estimable lady passed away October 23, 1856. Mr. Brown chose for his second wife a lady who was known as Miss Nancy WARNER, their union being celebrated February 12, 1857. Mrs. Nancy Brown is the daughter of Joel and Susannah Warner of this county. By this union were born 4 children, 3 reached mature years: Emma, Samuel and Mattie. The deceased one, Charles died at the interesting age of two years. Emma is the wife of John Adams, and they make their home in Reserve Township. Samuel died at the promising age of 20; and Mattie is yet under the parental roof. The Methodist Church finds in Mrs. Brown an active and influential member. The handsome and spacious residence of Mr. Brown is replete with all the conveniences of life, and to his innumerable friends and acquaintances a gracious hospitality is extended.

The Brown Family Line continues back to the mid 1700's to Michael Brown of Ireland.



## Michael Brown of Ireland

The following information was collected from The John Brown Family of Dry Fork, Butler County, Ohio. By Paul Teetor April 18 1961

The Brown family record begins with Michael Brown, who was born in Ireland (County Limerick??) and died in Pennsylvania. It is suggested that the ancestors of Michael Brown were lowland Scots, possibly the poor end of the MacMillan clan. It is quite likely they migrated to the Ulster area of Ireland in the early sixteen hundreds. The history books refer to these Lowland Scots as Ulster Scots. They were predominately Protestants.

It is recorded in the family bible of Clark Brown that Michael Brown first saw the light of day in Tipperary County, Ireland. This information is suspect because this part of Ireland is all Catholic and the Browns were Protestants. [The Paul Teetor report on the Brown's suggests that Michael might have been born in County Limerick Ireland and later settled in Susquehanna Co. PA.] Sometime in the 1600's or early 1700's Michael and his father and possibly other family members set sail for America and probably landed at Perth Amboy, N. J. and then journeyed up the Raritan River to Monmouth, N. J. and settled there.

It is assumed that Michael stayed in this area or in eastern Pennsylvania until his death, which was reported to have been in 1754. During this period he presumably married he reared 3 sons and one daughter to useful and industrious manhood and womanhood. One of those sons being John Brown, Sr.; reportably born in 1721.

Little information is available regarding the **second generation** except that there was a son, John, who was born in Susquehanna Co., PA. and died in this county in 1794. John Brown, Sr. grew to maturity and married Isabell around 1742. This marriage produced nine children. Sometime between 1765 and 1767, John Brown moved his family to Mifflin County, PA. and settled near Lewistown on the banks of the Juniata River.

A warranty deed map of Oliver Township shows that John Brown, Sr., obtained a parcel of land consisting of 301.9 acres on March 31, 1769. It also shows John Brown, Jr. obtaining three parcels of land totaling about 155 acres in 1793 and 1794.

From the People of Mifflin County, PA. 1755--, it shows John Sr., and Jr. served in the Fifth battalion of the Cumberland County Militia 1777-1779, and the Eighth Battalion from 1780-1782.

It was here in Oliver Township that John Sr. raised his family and continued farming until his death in 1794. Three days before his death he made out a will disposing of his assets. Later this will was contested and ruled invalid due to his mental state at the time it was signed.

John Brown of the **third generation** was born in PA. in 1742. He apparently moved from Susquehanna county to Mifflin county. John Brown married Mary Patton, who was born September 10, 1754. In 1805, (footnote 2) John and Mary Patton together with their children moved to Venice, Ohio. John died in 1831 and Mary died in 1845 on April 24th. Both are buried in the Venice cemetery.

According to real estate records in Lewistown, PA., John Jr. sold his land in Oliver Township in May of 1809. Later in this same year John and his wife Mary Patton and family traveled overland to Pittsburgh and then by flatboat down the Ohio River and thence up the great Miami River to where Dry Fork Creek enters the river in the Township of Ross, Butler County, Ohio.

The old family Bible said the party consisted of nine people and thirteen dogs. According to research, there were thirteen people of this Brown family that settled in Butler County about this time. Either these figures are reversed or some of John's children and their spouses could have come overland or at a later date . Another story mentions that they carried \$900 in gold and a pack of 15 vicious dogs for protection. The following people (mostly siblings) were known to have come from PA. to Butler County, Ohio.

John Brown, Jr. & wife Marry Patton  
Joseph Brown & wife Leah Wakefield - children John & Jesse  
John Brown III & wife Dorcas Buchanan  
Samuel Brown & wife Mary Herron  
Rachael Brown  
Nelson Brown  
Matthew Brown

Samuel Brown of the fourth generation is believed to be the Great Great Grandfather of Carrie Olive Brown.

Samuel was born in Mifflin County May 27, 1782. In 1809, in partnership with another party, he built a boat and descended the Ohio River with his team and household goods on board landing at Cincinnati; he immediately made his way to Butler County and purchased a small farm near Venice. In 1824 he sold 80 acres of this farm and moved to Parke County, Indiana locating on section 18, range 9 where he entered 80 acres and subsequently purchased 40 adjoining acres, the whole of which he finally improved. During these years of hard toil he was enabled to accumulate 280 acres of land in the township where he resided, besides clearing a portion of wild and unsettled land near Logansport. To himself and wife were born 10 children, whom they named William H; Nelson; Rachael; Nancy; Elvira; Margaret; Samuel; Mary A and Sidney (sic only 8). The devoted wife and mother was born September 22, 1783 and died at age 74. –

*Portrait & Biographical Record of Montgomery, Parke & Fountain Counties, Indiana. Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1893, Page 237*

**Carrie's Mother Samantha Shute** was born on 26 Oct 1854 in Indiana. Samantha's father was Jehu Shute his father was Richard Shute born 16 Oct 1792 in Dover, England, Father John mother Susan.

Richard and his brother John/William immigrated from Dover, England with their father John in 1802 to settle in Ohio. The mother, Susan, remained in England. Brother William was bound out until he became 21 years of age, Family lost trace of William and nothing has since been found regarding him.

During war of 1812 Richard Shute traveled up the Wabash River Valley as far as Tippicanoe. He liked the lay of the land and vowed to return one day. He served under Captain Peter Bacus with General William Henry Harrison. He was discharged 3 March 1813 and returned to Sciota County Ohio.

True to his word, in October 1829, Richard migrated to the Gessie area with wife, Hannah and four children, William, Daniel, John and Ephriam. They settled on land near Spring Creek known as the Howard Chapel vicinity. He and Hannah were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church that was built in Gessie in 1853 (Church was 20 x 30). Richard donated land for Hopewell Cemetery where daughter Rebecca was 1st person to be buried there. Richard died in 1853.

Other Surnames in Samantha Shute's line include Prichard, McCartney, and Price.

*Carrie's Mother  
Born 1854*

**MRS. SAMANTHA BROWN**  
Mrs. Samantha Brown, 72, died Monday night, at the home of a son, P. O. Brown, 219 Skidell Avenue, after a long illness. A fall a year ago was one of the contributing causes. The body was taken to the Edmund & Dickson funeral home and will be sent to Montezuma, Ind. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The deceased was born in the Howard Chapel, Ind., neighborhood. She had been a widow for 40 years. Beside two sons, Fred E. and Perry, of this city, there are two daughters, Mrs. Truman Hoskins, of Potomac, and Mrs. Floyd Bailey, of Danville. There are two brothers, E. G. Shute, of Washington, Ind., and J. T. Shute, of Poseyville, Ind., and three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Pollock, of Toledo, O., Mrs. S. E. Prather, of South Danville, and Mrs. George Linde, of Withee, Wis.








Samantha Shute on the Left  
and Mary Pollock

Mary was Mary Moore daughter from Samantha's 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage. Pollock or Pollick was her married name. Mary was a Mid-Wife to Carrie Brown Hoskins when Harry W. Hoskins was born. She was very much loved by Harry.



# John Charles Eret May and Ida Mae Brooks May

## Family Group Record

<b>Husband John C. Eret May</b>				
Born	19 Dec 1874	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Chr.		Place		
Died	21 Apr 1950	Place		
Buried		Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA		
Married	27 Jun 1904	Place		
Husband's father William Frank May				
Husband's mother Susan Jane Wilson				
<b>Wife Ida Mae Brooks</b>				
Born	23 Feb 1875	Place Newtown, Illinois, USA		
Chr.		Place		
Died	8 Apr 1924	Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Joseph Dorsey Brooks			
Wife's mother	Sarah Melissa Swem			
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.				
1	<b>M John May</b>			
	Born		Place	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	Infant	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	
2	<b>F Eva Virginia May</b>			
	Born	21 Mar 1906	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	28 Sep 1963	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Buried		Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
	Spouse	Harry Walter Hoskins		
	Married	5 Jan 1926	Place	
3	<b>M George Alden May</b>			
	Born	27 Jul 1916	Place Potomac, Vermilion, Illinois	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died	19 Aug 2009	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Alice Rouse		
	Married	28 Feb 1935	Place Oakwood, Vermilion, Illinois	

## John C Eret May

John was the only child of William Frank May and Susan Jane Wilson. John worked at the brick yard south of Marysville now Potomac, located on the site where Lynn and Margaret Henry's home now stands. This brick yard was operated by Chariey Shain, father of Velma Reardon who still lives in Potomac. John was one of the graduating students of the class of 1893, from Potomac High School. The other one was Myrtle Buckingham Harrison. He taught school for a short time, but decided that being confined to a schoolroom was not for him, so he learned the carpenter trade.

On June 27, 1904, he married Ida May Brooks of Newtown, 111. They were the parents of three children. John. Jr. died in infancy. Eva married Harry Hoskins, and they were the parents of ten children: John, Harry, Richard, Gordon Robert, Eva, Adam, Albert, Lester. Harold and Esther.

George Alden May married Alice Rouse of Oakwood, Illinois, and they have two sons, Daryl and Gary both of Clearwater. Florida. Daryl married Marilyn Ellett. and Gary married Donna Hock of Gifford.

Both Daryl and Gary have three children each.

John May loved the outdoors, he hunted and fished the year around. In his younger days he was a member of a well-known quartette consisting of Elmer Moreland and the Cossairt brothers, all of whom are deceased. *From the Book Potomac the Artesian Village.*

John's real middle name was Eret but he couldn't write "E" so he simply changed or added his middle name Charles. From Daryl May Grandson.



Babv John Mav



John C. Erit May & Ida Mae (Brooks) May  
Parents of Eva (May) Hoskins

### THE MAY FAMILY

The May family originated in Virginia. In the late seventeen hundreds they came to what is known as Maysville, Kentucky in the early eighteen hundreds, Frank May and his brother George A. May came to Marysville know now as Potomac, Illinois.

Frank May married Susan Wilson. One son was born to them whom they named John C. May, on December 20, 1874. At that time they were living across the Blue Grass Creek opposite the present home of Jack and Ann Prillaman. They moved from there to a settlement of eight houses located on a raise known as the Indian Mound in Buckner's

Bottom across the river from Berry's Grist Mill, just below the old Goodwine Park. Also from the book *Potomac the Artesian Village.*



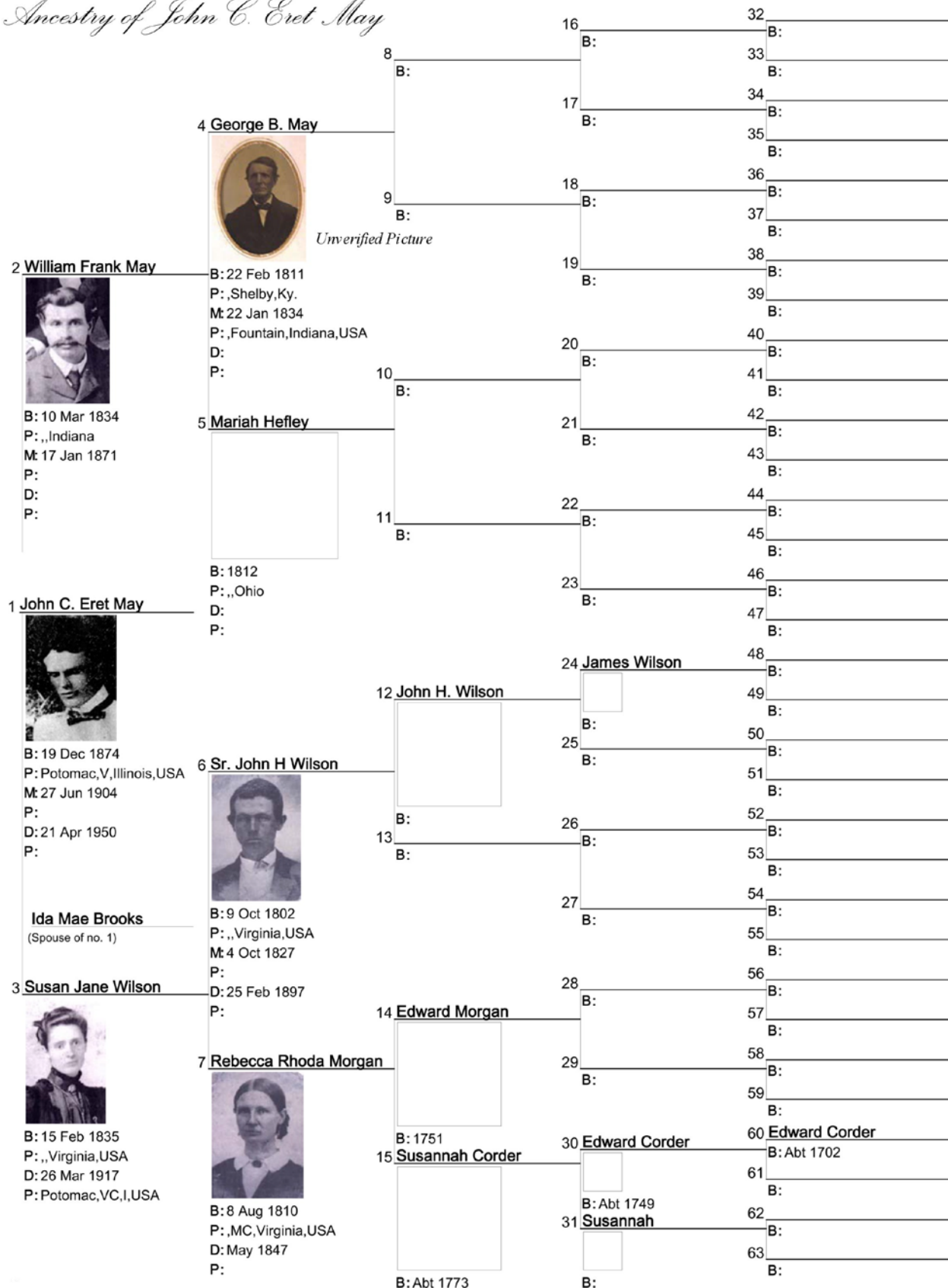
Alden May age 7 1923



The May's  
Ida, John, Eva & Alden



# Ancestry of John C. Eret May



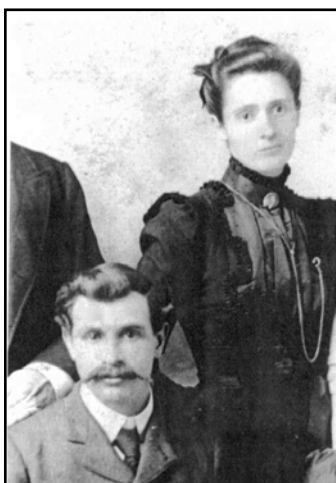
## The Ancestry of John C. Eret MAY

**John's Father was William Frank May** born on 10 March 1834 in Indiana. The 1880 Census Middelfork Township Vermilion County Illinois shows him to be 44 and born in Indiana occupation Farmer, his father from Kentucky & mother from Ohio. William Frank May's occupation was a dentist.

His 1st wife was Mary Coyler of Waveland, Indiana. They had one child John C. Eret May's notes simply indicate died and does not say if the wife and child died or just the child.

William Frank May's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Ida V. Carter of Hoopston Illinois. John C. Eret May's notes again simply indicate died and does not say if the wife and child died or just the child.

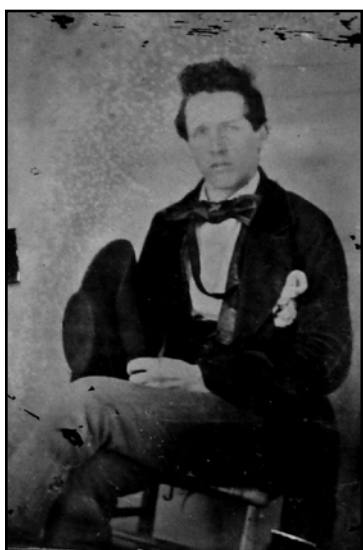
William Frank May's 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of our ancestry was Susie Wilson (Susan Jane Wilson). William Frank May and Susan probably lived close to Ezeriah Hoskins and Lucritia in 1880 as they are listed next to them on the Census.



William Frank May and  
Wife Susan Wilson



Myrtle May Turner  
of New York

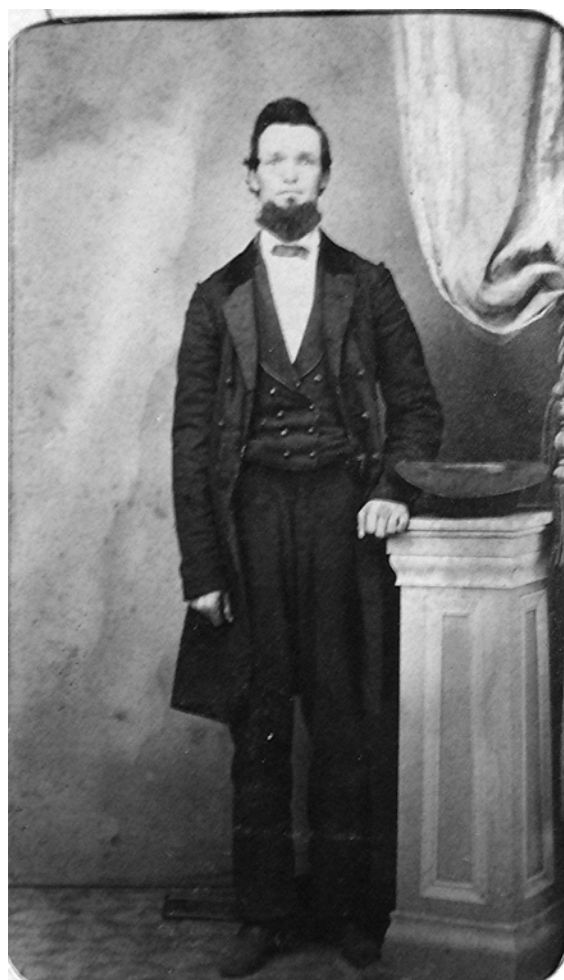


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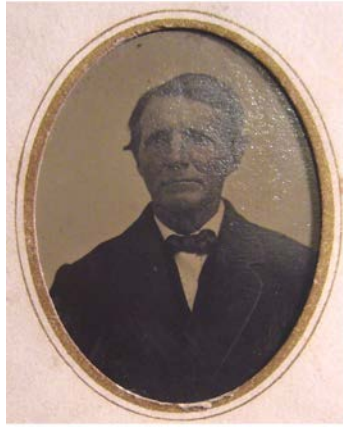
John Hefley  
May

Brother to  
William Frank  
May father of  
Myrtle May  
Turner of N.Y.

His wife's name  
was Kate



William Frank May  
Father of John C. Eret May



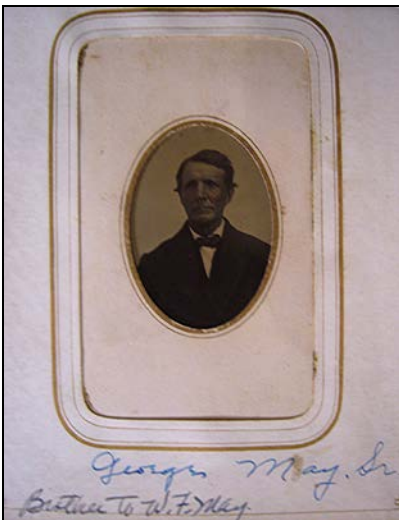
George May Sr.



Evaline Groves May

William Frank May's father was George B. May from Shelby County Kentucky he was the youngest of 8 children. George B. May owned about 900 acres on Scott's Prairie, Fountain County, Indiana about 6 miles from Hillsboro, Indiana. George B. May had a brother William F. May who died in an Indian war in 1814 near Fort Harrison at the age of 18 or 19. With those notes from John May it would be about the time of the Creek Indian war from 1813-1814. Another brother to George that was mentioned in John C. Eret May's notes is John May who died in 1844 leaving a widow with 3 children, 2 boys and a girl. The widow moved to Missouri near the Mississippi river.

The 1850 Census shows the George B May family in Cain Township Fountain County Indiana The Mother was listed as possibly Evaline?? or Evalini She is also on Census in 1870 Marysville Potomac Illinois. Evaline Groves also came up on a picture and handed down family history. Evaline Groves was wife no. 2 of George B. May. His first wife was Mariah Hefley according to John May's notes Mariah had 5 children. His notes say Mariah died around the age of 26 however the age of her children put her closer to 30 or 32. John May's notes say that Mariah died when Marilla was only 2 weeks old. He married within a year to Evaline. By the 1850 Census there is no record of Marilla however in notes by Eva Hoskins she is referred to as Aunt Rill?



Picture on right was with picture on the left. Indicates George May Sr. Brother of W.F. May. However if picture on the right goes with this, it would be George B. May Father to W.F. May as Evaline is 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of George B. May. Unsure?





After George B. May's marriage to Evaline he ran a store in Hillsboro and then a hotel in Covington, Indiana. From there they moved on southeast to Waveland where John and Lloyd Groves owned a store. George and Evaline bought a small 80 acre farm there called Harper Farm.

John May's notes indicate that the May's came from Washington County, Indiana of Dutch descent. Old Grandfather May could talk English but could not read it. George B. May's father was possibly also George who married Catherine Leisure. John's notes say ... Geo May (Gr Grandfather) died on Scott's Prairie abt. 1844 and buried there. Frazier Farm East of Scott's Prairie. Married Cath Leisure ? (Gr Grandmother) their children listed were.

1. Mary (Aunt Polly) married a Blackburn
2. Susie May married Thomas Creighton
3. (Female May??) married Louis Young
4. George B. May married Mariah Hefley of Dutch descent her parents could read English but could not speak it. Mariah's brothers and sisters were, Katie D. Miller, Josephine ?, John Heffley, Hannah Gregory, Elizabeth ?, and ?? Harrier.

During their time in Washington county, Indiana the family operated a Tavern and Inn in Hardinsburg which is in the South West corner of the county, and is today on highway 150 between Louisville, Ky. and Vincennes, Ind. This Info from Harry Walter Hoskins

William Frank May's Mother was Mariah Hefley born in Ohio and raised near Cincinnati, Ohio. Mariah and William were married in Fountain County, Indiana. It is believed that Mariah's father was Samuel Heffley. 1840 census lists Samuel Hefley and also George May Jr. in Cain Township Census\_Year 1840 CENSUS-DAY: June 1, 1840 Microfilm #M704-80 State INDIANA County FOUNTAIN Page 208 Line 12 (George May Jr.) Page 208 Line 13 for Samuel Heffley showing they were neighbors. The Heffley line continues back to Johan Carl Haffele in the early 1700's from Switzerland via Germany.

### **The Heffleys started in Switzerland**

The Heffleys -- spelled any number of ways such as Haffele -- likely originated in Switzerland but moved to the area known as the Palantine, that portion of today's Germany that borders southern France. It was a war-torn area that the French and its own German princes plundered for their army's food and supplies.

Eventually faced with no economic prospects in the Palantine, the family petitioned their government for permission to immigrate to America.

#### *Application to leave Germany:*

Karl Haffele, from Eggenstein, (a suburb south of Karlsruhe, Germany, near Alsace, France) accompanied by his wife, and whose debts are continuing growing, although he is working more each day, registers for emigration ... without destination on *William* arrived in Philadelphia. Paid 5 florins, the minimum fee to emigrate, and waited until the next year when ships were sailing again.

Oct. 31, 1737-Ship Records: Emigrated on Ship William from Rotterdam (Holland) and Dover (England) and landed in Philadelphia Oct. 31, 1737.

To get to Rotterdam, they likely fashioned rafts out of logs and sailed on the Rhine River. There being no Holiday Inns in those days, they would have set up temporary shelters on the edge of the city, their shacks with reeds for roofing. From there, they first had to cross the English Channel to Dover, and only then could they head for Philadelphia.

While en route on the ship *William*, Karl's wife, Eva (Kern), gave birth to their third child, Johann Carle, who was called Charles. That baby would start our family line in America.

## **Pennsylvania**

They settled in the Moselem Springs area in Berks County, Penn., 67 miles northwest of Philadelphia, a beautiful area of gentle hills and woodland that the Indians had just left. That was 17 years before the French and Indian War (1754-73). They lived with others who spoke German and worshiped in the nearby Lutheran Church. A Lutheran Church still stands on the spot, overlooking the graveyard where many of the family are buried.

### *History of Berks County, PA*

Many Germans came from the fertile section of the Upper Rhine known as the Palatinate. The Thirty Years' War had made this lovely land of rich fields a battleground. The people were weary of poverty and persecution and eagerly accepted (landowner William) Penn's invitation. They left their ruined homes by thousands and took passage on crowded, slow vessels, into which they were packed for weeks. Many of them were unable to pay their passage across the ocean so they sold their services for a number of years in exchange for passage to the ship's captain. Agents of sailing companies often contracted to bring them to America where the agent had the right to sell the "redemptioneer's" labor for a certain number of years to pay for his transportation. These "indentured servants" or "redemptioners" were virtually slaves until the contract expired; they were, quite understandably, the first people in America to protest the slave traffic. Some immigrants served their masters for five years to pay a debt of only \$48 and their lot was usually a hard one. Those who came to Berks County cleared the land, planted the fields, erected buildings, laid out roads, and turned the area into a smiling land of plenty. Though somewhat changed, the German language prevailed. By 1752 the Germans were far more numerous than all the other settlers combined.

Samuel Heffely, from whom we descend, is thought to be the grandson Johan Karl and Eva Kern Heffele, possibly through their son Johan Charles, who served in the American Revolution. Sam was born in the midst of that war, about two years after the colonies declared their independence. Eventually, the grandsons of the immigrants had to find land for themselves and moved on. Samuel Heffley and his wife, Elizabeth, and their family of at least five children, headed down the Ohio, probably on flatboat to the nation's western outpost, Cincinnati, in 1816. They moved about 1814, shortly after their youngest child John was born in Berks County, PA., and the War of 1812 ended.

## **On to Ohio and Indiana**

They settled just north of Cincinnati near the town of Hamilton in much Butler County, nearby today's Miami of Ohio University. It was near the site of the former Fort Hamilton. Unlike most settlements in those days, which were raw wilderness when the pioneers arrived, Hamilton was built before people moved there, making settlement easier.

After the Treaty of Tippecanoe in 1832, most Indians left Indiana, which made it safer. That no doubt was one of the factors that motivated Sam and his wife Elizabeth to once again move with at least four of their daughters and only son, to an area just west of Lafayette in northwest Indiana. They bought land and lived in and around Attica, Fountain County. Soon, Sam opened and ran one of Attica's first inns.

About 15 years later in 1849, Sam and Elizabeth along with three of their children moved a few miles and across the Wabash River to Williamsport, in Warren County, Ind.

**Summary on each of Sam and Elizabeth's children:**

--Elizabeth married George Harrier 1826 in Butler County, Ohio. They had a dozen children. Just before the Civil War, the family moved to nearby Danville, Ill., and after the war, they spread out to places such as Champaign, Ill., Kansas and Missouri.

--Mariah married George Mays Jr., in Fountain County, and had four children before she died at age 32 (before 1844), likely in childbirth, in Fountain County, Ind.

--Catherine lived with her parents in the 1850s and was 48 when she married Richard Miller in 1859. She died in Warren County, Ind.

--John was married in 1839 to Anna Davidson, who had grown up in Butler County, Ohio as well. John was a shoemaker, kept a hotel and a boarding house, and also farmed. They were one of the first settlers on the "Grand Prairie," hard-to-break but rich land with endless skies and no trees in Prairie Township, in the northwest corner of Warren County near the Illinois boarder. They had seven children.

-- Hannah was married in Fountain County, Ind., in 1839 to Benjamin Franklin Gregory, whose father was one of Indiana's first legislators and whose mother was a half-sister to Robert E. Lee. Ben graduated from nearby Wabash University and had been admitted to the bar just the year before. They later lived in a "palatial" home in Williamsport, Ind. He became a state representative during the Civil War (elected 1862 and 1864) and helped rewrite the Indiana constitution. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress but was a presidential elector for his congressional district in 1872 and was chosen to carry the Indiana vote to Washington. He served as treasurer of Warren County (elected 1852 and 1854) and a Methodist Sabbath School superintendent (30 years). A vocal supporter of the Civil War, his son John, a "staunch" Republican, owned the newspaper in Williamsport, Warren County, Ind., from 1870 to 1908.

**Willaim Frank May's Brother was George A. May a Captain in the Civil War.**

Daryl A. May wrote .. I don't recall the year, but Potomac's First Christian Church was built in the late 1800s when Captain George A. May donated land and bricks the congregation with the proviso that the land would be returned to the family if ever the church was disbanded. Captain May, a volunteer with the First Indiana Cavalry during the Great Rebellion, was paid an extra dollar a day for providing his own horse. He participated in the two bloody charges at Pea Ridge, Arkansas (March 1862). After the Civil War, May, an educated man, returned to Danville and became successful dealing in real estate. For several years his nephew [or son], Bert May, was the mayor of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Captain May was uncle to my grandfather John E. C. May. My dad, George Alden May, was named after the good captain. Captain May is buried at the Potomac cemetery and a military marker indicates his rank and cavalry regiment.



### **John's Mother was Susan Jane Wilson**

born on 15 Feb 1835 in Virginia. Susan was the 3rd Wife of William Frank May.

1860 Census Darby Township Pickaway County Ohio listed with Father and Step Mother.

1870 Census Series: M593 Roll: 285 Page: 256 same area as above shows Susan Wilson as a domestic Servant for John and Polly Smith her age 26.

1880 Census Middelfork Township Vermilion County Illinois says she is 42 and born in Ohio

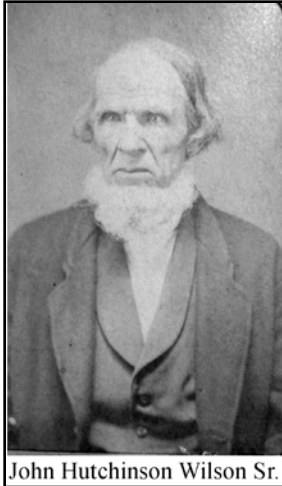
Parents both from Va.

**Susan's paternal WILSON line** traces the Wilson family into the Colonial era of Virginia to the 1700's. No information on her Paternal Grandmother's line other than her name was Martha.



Susan Jane Wilson

Susan's Nephew Seymer G. Wilson was mention in "The Past and Present of Vermilion County" it reads as follows. *This is the history of my life. I do not know of any special act connected with the making of the history of this county that I can lay claim to, but as you have asked for it I will comply with your request : I was born on the 1st day of March, 1858, in Pickaway county, Ohio. 'My father's name was John H. Wilson. Jr., the son of John H. Wilson. Sr., who was the son of James Wilson, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was an Irishman. My father's mother's people were Morgans, the original of whom came to this country from England in the days of the colonies. They settled in Virginia. The original ancestor of my father, on this side of the family, was at the time that he reached America a boy, and was immediately let out to learn a trade on a six years' apprenticeship; before his time was half through he ran away from his master, joined Washington's army, remained with the same until the close of the war and was rewarded thereafter with a section of land not far from the White Sulphur Springs, Virginia. The Morgans were well represented in the war for independence and also every other war that this country has ever had. John Morgan, of Rebel fame, was a relative of my father. On my mother's side I am German, her family having come to this country from Frankfort, Germany, where many relatives of hers now live. She was twelve years old before she could speak a word of English. Her father, Jacob Miesse, is now living in Noblesville, Indiana, at the age of ninety-four. I came with my parents in October, 1864, to this county, and settled on the Eight Mile prairie, in what is known as "The Fairchild settlement." Father was a farmer, and here he followed that calling until the year 1876, when he moved to a farm five miles north-east of Rossville, this county. The farm was raw prairie, and here I worked that spring, with one three-horse plow ninety acres of prairie sod, and killed twenty-seven rattlesnakes. My parents are now living retired in the village of Rossville. I have one brother, Jacob Wilson, a successful merchant in Rossville, this county. I have two sisters, namely : Meariah. who became the wife of L. D. Lane, of this county, and died in 1888: and Matilda, now the wife of Henry Bell, of Tiffin, Ohio. As already gathered from this article, my early life was spent on the farm, where I did every kind of hard work known to the calling. In those days I felt that farming was the hardest work in the world; I have since learned that children know but little.*



John Hutchinson Wilson Sr.

Susan's father was **John H. Wilson Sr.** His 1<sup>st</sup> wife, was Rebecca Rhoda Morgan. They were the parents of six children; William, John H. Jr., Louemma, Newton, Charleton, and Susan Jane.

John Hutchison Wilson was the son of James Wilson, (a soldier in the Revolutionary war) and was of Irish descent, and born near Lynchburg, Va., and living at one time near the White Sulphur Springs (possibly his birthplace) may have also lived near or at the location once known as Childreth's (or Childress) Store, in the south west part of either Virginia, or West Virginia, as it was later known. (this location is no longer on the modern maps and may be a "Ghost Town", but at one time it was to be found on the map of The World Atlas of 1890 (or 1898).

At the age of thirty three, in 1835, he migrated to Ohio, to Pickaway County (Circleville, county seat) Here he farmed, and located along the Harrisburg – Darbyville road. The farm was part of a survey No. 1286, Virginia Military, Vol. 25, page 451, Picaway County, Darby Township, Ohio Record, and it consisted of 263.00 acres, for which he paid \$3,682.00, May 20, 1851.

This farm lies on the East side of the Harrisburg-Darby Road and is of a very irregular shape with the East side of the land along the Darby Creek. The house was a short distance from the creek in the extreme N.E. part of the farm. It used to be a log cabin but the present house has been built around the original one. (North of the farm and on the west side of the road is an old Red Brick Schoolhouse).

John Hutchinson Wilson married his second wife, May 30 1852, at Columbus, Ohio (Franklin Co.) by Rev. L.A. Bund. She was Bolivia Hutchinson McCleary (Lyon), Sept 22 1827 – Jan. 30, 1906. And to this union were born six children; Rebecca Virginia, George McCleary, Andrew Dewitt, Frederick Coolidge, and Otis Lewellyn. This family was of the Presbyterian Faith.

On march 21, 1861 he sold 267 acres, 23 poles to Levin Willowey for \$5,877.00. He was dissatisfied, as were many other Southerners, with the institution of slavery, and for this reason moved to Ohio. Later he lost too many cattle in a bottomland river flood, also ruining the crops, so in 1862 (now 60 years old) he brot his family to Vermilion County, Illinois. Arriving Oct 19, 1862, and the first meal was eaten in Illinois, east of Bismark. John H. Wilson rode his sorrel mare and his Son-in-law, Larry Seyfert furnished a wagon and two horses for the Wilson family to come to Illinois. Here he, Wilson bought a farm near Henning and remained there until his death in 1877.

The Morgan-Wilson-May-Hoskins Family Bible is said to have crossed the Smokey Mountains via the Cumberland Gap from the Wilson (Morgan) homestead in Virginia (West) in the saddle bag of the person who was at that time the possessor of this same Bible. From the above accounts it could have been John Hutchison Wilson, Sr.

(line of descent of this Bible, Edward Morgan to daughter Rebecca, to her daughter Susan Jane Wilson to her son John may, to his daughter Eva Hoskins, to her daughter Eva Waunetta.

Roy Wiles (Rebecca Wilson Wiles' Son) said that John H. Wilson was born 2 weeks after his parents came from Ireland.

William Wilson of Storm Lake, Iowa (Dewitt's son?) said that John H. Wilson was born 3 days after his parents came from Ireland.



**Susan's Maternal MORGAN Line** starts with Rebecca Rhoda Morgan. According to The Family Bible Rebecca's father was Edward Morgan. One of the children listed Francis Asbury Morgan which matches with other Genealogy research showing that this Edward Morgan was born in Leeds England in 1751. *The research connecting Rebecca Morgan and this Edward Morgan is speculative but has much merit as the Morgan-Wilson Family Bible has similarities.*

Edward Morgan moved from Leeds with his parents to London. His father was of Welsh ancestry, his mother's Irish. He came from England to America in 1767 when he was 16.

According to a family story handed down he was a stowaway on a ship bound for America and was discovered at sea by the crew. The Captain was to give him the customary capital punishment (flogging) when a lady passenger interfered and paid for the stowaways passage, thereby acquiring him for her cabin boy and for which he became her bonds-boy. Family tradition has it that he worked on a farm in Hartford County, Maryland for two years to pay for his passage on the ship. After his passage was settled he migrated to southwest Virginia looking for unclaimed land to make a "tomahawk" claim, which eventually would become a "settlements rights". He probably made this claim in present day Washington county, but by 1777 records indicate he was in Montgomery County (present day Pulaski). He later owned and lived on land in both Giles and Pulaski county.



Edward was married four times (1) to a Miss Crowe - Alexandria Va - died before 1775; (2) Francis Gannaway three named children thought to be hers; and (3) Susanna Corder - *at least eight children* (4) Sally Martin m. 4 Dec 1826. The Family bible mentions Nancy or Francis several times on the flyleaf and may have been referring to one of the wives Francis Gannaway.

The Family bible list the 11 Children probably the first 3 from Francis and the remainder from Susanna

1. Sally Morgan b. 22 Feb 1782
2. Rachel Morgan b. 25 Apr 1784
3. Abel Morgan b. 23 Jun 1790
4. John Morgan b. 28 Sep 1794
5. Wesley Morgan b. 26 Apr 1796
6. Edward Morgan b. 20 May 1795
7. ??? Morgan b. 8 Dec ?? Writing faded ??
8. Rebecca Morgan b. 13 Apr 1802
9. Francis A. Morgan b. 6 Feb 1804
10. Susanna Morgan b. 24 Jan 1807 *Says Susanna Wilson she may have also married a Wilson*
11. Rhoda Jane Morgan b. 8 Aug 1810 married Harrison Ingram

Nov 1794 William Hall & wife Mary granted 20 acres on west side of New River to Edward Morgan. 1 Sep 1795 Geo. Helm & wife Catharine granted 97 acres on New River to Edward Morgan.

Family tradition has it that Edward was appalled at the lawlessness on the Western frontier of Virginia and he traveled back to Maryland seeking the help of Bishop Francis Asbury. The Bishop told him he was a sensitive and responsible young man and HE was the one to “do the job himself. Bishop Asbury instructed him in the teachings of Methodism.

He then returned to his home area as a layman preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He organized the first Methodist class west of the New River, built Page’s meeting House in 1773, was approved to perform the rights of matrimony, and was ordained by Bishop Asbury. Rev Morgan lived and traveled throughout the southwest Virginia area from present day New River west to Giles County and even south to the Holston Valley area preaching the gospel.

“The pioneer settlers of southwestern Virginia were bold brave people worthy of remembrance for what they were and for what they did.” (quote from Goodridge Wilson) The early Morgans would surely fit into that mold. Farming and related businesses were the means of their livelihood. During the 1800’s they owned 2000, more or less acres of land stretching from New River westward beyond Neck Creek. They also owned land in Giles and probably other counties. The railroad from Radford to Bristol divided some of their farms and family records speak of lands on the east and west side of the railroad.

Edward Morgan died at Francis Asbury Morgan's home in 1844.

## Sources:

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"Edward Morgan 1751-1844, Pioneer Minister in Southwestern Virginia", written by Clarita Hutchinson Morgan in 1973; also family records and discussion.

## Morgan-Wilson Family Bible

*Note this Morgan Line has not been connected to that of Jeremiah Hoskinson's brother-in-law Achilles Morgan.*

One of the more interesting photos to the right which was among many of the photos in this section and apparently was the property of Susan Jane Wilson's is of Sarah Jane Chenoweth and Nathan Cole. Research shows that Sarah was the daughter of William Chenoweth and Elizabeth Morgan. Elizabeth Morgan's Father was William Morgan b. abt 1775 and was married to Willa Miner Davenport. It is interesting to note exactly what or if there is a tie of relationship between this William Morgan of 1775 and Edward Morgan of 1751. Another possible connection may be through Elizabeth who had a brother Joseph who married Cassandra C. Chenoweth who was a widow of John Morgan b. 28 Sep 1794 son of our Edward Morgan. A bit confusing but to say the least there are ties between these lines.



Many Morgans are recorded through history and the colonial times of the United States. Tracing genealogy through these early days is sometimes difficult. As families broke ground in the new frontier, Family Bibles and personal records were sometimes the only records to be gotten. The Morgan name was well connected with many historical figures. J.P. Morgan, Morgan Morgan, John Hunt Morgan, and even Daniel Boone's mother was a Sarah Morgan.

## Descendants of John H. Wilson

### 1. John H. Wilson

sp: Martha

#### 2. Sr. John Hutchinson Wilson

sp: Rebecca Rhoda Morgan

#### 3. Susan Jane Wilson

sp: William Frank May

#### 4. John C. Eret May

sp: Ida Mae Brooks

#### 5. John May

5. Eva Virginia May

sp: Harry Walter Hoskins

#### 5. George Alden May

sp: Alice Rouse

#### 3. William E Wilson

sp: UNKNOWN

#### 4. Milton H Wilson

#### 3. Jr. John H. Wilson

sp: Sarah A Miesse

#### 4. Meariah Wilson

#### 4. Seymer G Wilson

#### 3. Louemma Wilson

sp: Bolivia McClary

#### 3. Rebecca Virginia Wilson

sp: Lankford Wiles

#### 3. George McCleary Wilson

sp: Elizabeth L Smith

#### 4. Homer Wilson

#### 4. Everett Wilson

sp: Bessie

#### 5. Margaret Wilson

sp: Don Endsley

#### 4. Anna Wilson

sp: Kinney

#### 5. Irene Kinney

sp: Ted Collins

#### 3. Andrew Wilson

#### 3. John Wilson

#### 3. Otis Wilson

#### 3. Frederick Coolidge Wilson

sp: Rachael Gritton

#### 4. Walker Wilson

#### 2. William H Wilson



John Hutchinson Wilson Sr.



John & Rebecca Wilson

#### Children



1st Wife

Rebecca (Morgan) Wilson



Susan Jane Wilson



John H Wilson Jr.



Louemma Wilson

#### Children



2nd Wife

Bolivia McClary Wilson



Rebecca Virginia Wilson



George McCleary Wilson



Frederick Coolidge Wilson

Bolivia McClary was first married to Frederick C. Lyon from who she had a daughter Pluma Hammond Lyon. Pluma Married Seth Fairchild. Both Pictured Right.

### Other Relatives of Susan Jane Wilson





To the right is Joseph Morgan Ingram a cousin to Susan.

"History of Vermilion County" by H.W. Beckwith published 1879. Joseph M. Ingram, Danville, farmer, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on the 24th of July, 1844, and spent his early days in working on a farm. He came with his father to this state in 1852, settling ten miles north of Danville. He married on the 17th of June, 1867, to Elizabeth Fairchild, daughter of Daniel Fairchild, quite a noted Methodist minister of this township. She was born in Vermilion county, this state, on the 9th of January, 1850. They have by this union seven children, six living: Harrison M., born August 9, 1869; Daniel E., born May 30, 1871; Earl R., born Sept. 6, 1873; Nora F., born January 21, 1876; Elsie R., born March 22, 1877; Ordilla M., born December 25, 1878; and one infant deceased.

Mr Ingram enlisted in the late war in 1864, in Co. K. 135th Ill. Inf. Vol. He served five months, and was mustered out by general order. His parents were natives of Kentucky and Virginia. He is a republican and a Methodist.



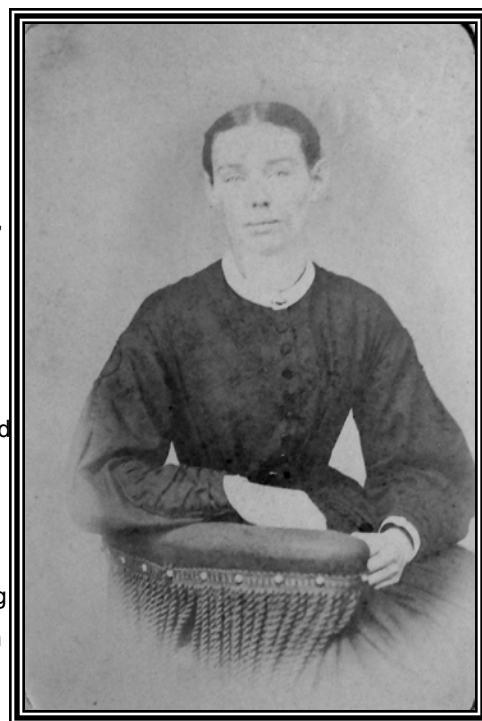
To the right is Sarah A. Miesse a Sister-In-Law to Susan.

Mrs. Sarah A. Miesse Wilson, who was the oldest child of Jacob and Maria Miesse, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania December 20, 1835. When she was quite young her parents moved to Circleville, Ohio.

On September 12, 1855, she married John H. Wilson Jr. of Harrisburg, Ohio. There they resided until the fall of 1862, and there the four children that blessed this union were born.

They moved to Vermilion County in 1862, and lived for a few years on the Eight Mile, then removing to a farm northeast of Rossville where they resided until 1900, when they retired, moving to Rossville to spend their declining years.

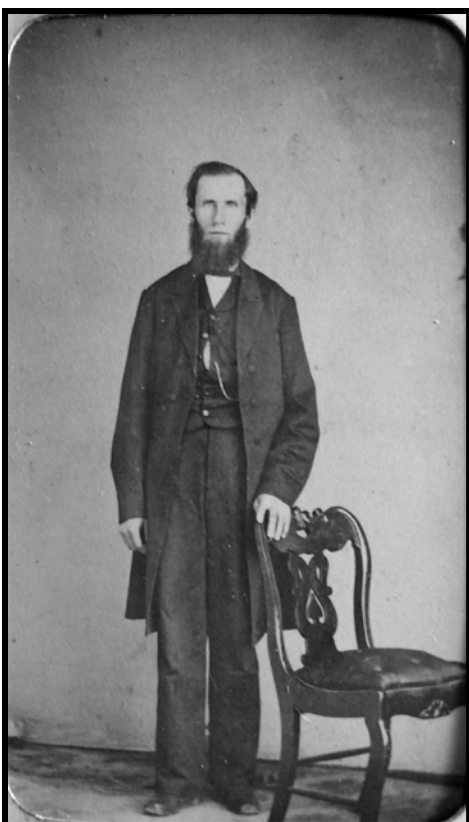
Mr. Wilson died May 21, 1909. The children all grew to maturity, Mrs. Maria Lane died October 6, 1888, Seymer G. Wilson died March 15, 1904, and Mrs. Matilda J. Bell passed away October 9, 1917. Surviving besides the son, Jacob Wilson, is a granddaughter, Mrs. Edna Wyman of Henning, and her son, Lemuel Wyman." Danville Morning Press, Danville, Illinois, March 17, 1918



Below is a nephew of Susan Wilson  
 Son of Susan's brother  
 William E. Wilson,  
 Milton H. Wilson



Below is William H. Wilson  
 a Brother to John H. Wilson Sr.



## ★ Old Family Bibles Were History Books

Among those treasured items (shown in the Comm. News) has appeared a large bible, 117 years old. Undoubtably it is a treasured item. I know mine is. I have one of those bibles, printed in Philadelphia in 1812. It contains the Apocrypha, now no longer part of a standard bible, and the table of scripture weights measure and coins. Also 11 woodcut engravings, curious and quaint. Its pages are yellowed and becoming brittle. The back is of heavy leather, scarred with the marks of razors strapped on it in years gone long gone by. Tucked in the pages is a tiny flying squirrels tail, used as a bookmark. It has been there for as long as my Dad could remember.

The bible traveled across the Allegheny mountains in the saddlebags of an ancestor, unnamed to us, and traveled from Virginia, through West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana to Illinois, a long trek a hundred or more years ago. The story of itself, like its contents, are probably adventures in the course of history if known.

In it is recorded the birth of eleven children, the eldest, a Sally Morgan, born February 22, 1782, and her ten brothers and sisters. One sister, Rebecca Morgan, born 143 years ago today (April 18, 1808) was my great-grandmother.

It has been handed down by word of mouth that the first Morgan of this family, either her father, Edward, or maybe his father, came to America as a stowaway and, upon being discovered, a wealthy passenger paid his fare to keep him from being severely punished, whereupon he was then bonded as the woman's servant or cabin boy. What occurred after reaching port has been lost, thru the years now passed.

Whenever I get to speculating on the character of this ancestor and family my better half says I'm climbing the family tree again and launches forth in the first lines of "Morgan the Raider," and his terrible men. Could it be there are skeletons on family trees? I wonder!

—Eva Hoskins.

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Miss Iris Taylor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Hammond and family.

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## Margaret Wilson Endsley



To the Right:

Homer, Anne and  
Everett Wilson  
Everett was the Father  
of Margaret Wilson  
Endsley.



Margaret Endsley was a Teacher at the Potomac Grade School in Potomac, Illinois. She taught several generations of Hoskins and was a descendant of John Hutchinson Wilson Sr. through his second Wife Bolivia McClary Wilson. Margaret is a second Cousin to Eva Virginia May Hoskins. Margaret was born southwest of Potomac on Feb. 5, 1911, the daughter to Everett W. and Bessie V. Vandervort Wilson. She married Donald Endsley on Dec. 29, 1942, in Champaign. He survives, along with two nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, George Wilson. She attended a country school outside of Potomac and attended Potomac High School, graduating in 1929. After graduation she enrolled at Illinois State University, receiving a teaching certificate. Mrs. Endsley began her teaching career in 1932 at Wallace Chapel School, a small country school northwest of Potomac. It was here she would begin a 41-year teaching career. During those years she would touch the lives of many students. Margaret retired from the Potomac Grade School in 1973.

She was a member of the Middlefork United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Potomac Civic Club and Retired Teachers Association. She was an avid reader. Margaret W. Endsley, 98, of Potomac died at 1:25 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Hoopston Community Memorial Hospital.





To the Left:

George McClary Wilson *Father*, holding son Homer, Everett Wilson, and *Mother* Elizabeth Lucy Smith Wilson.

To the Right:

George McClary Wilson and Elizabeth Lucy Smith Wilson. Grandparents of Margaret Wilson Endsley.



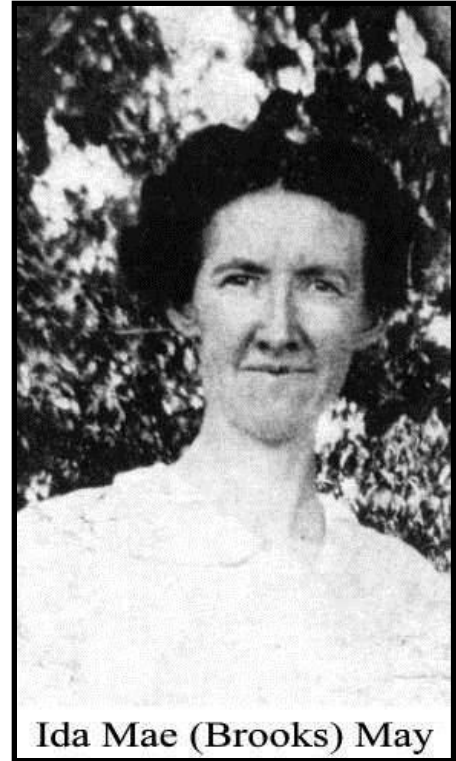
## Ida Mae Brooks

Ida Mae Brooks was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb 1875, the daughter of Dorsey Joseph Brooks and Sarah Melissa Swem. Ida was the 7<sup>th</sup> child of 10 children. Dorsey and Sarah had migrated from the Ohio area to Indiana and then to Vermilion County Illinois. A couple of the early children were born in Fountain County, Indiana. By the time Ida was born the family lived in the area of Newtown, Vermilion County, Illinois. When Ida was age 29 she married John C. Eret May. It was said that John would take horse and buggy to Ida's to court her.

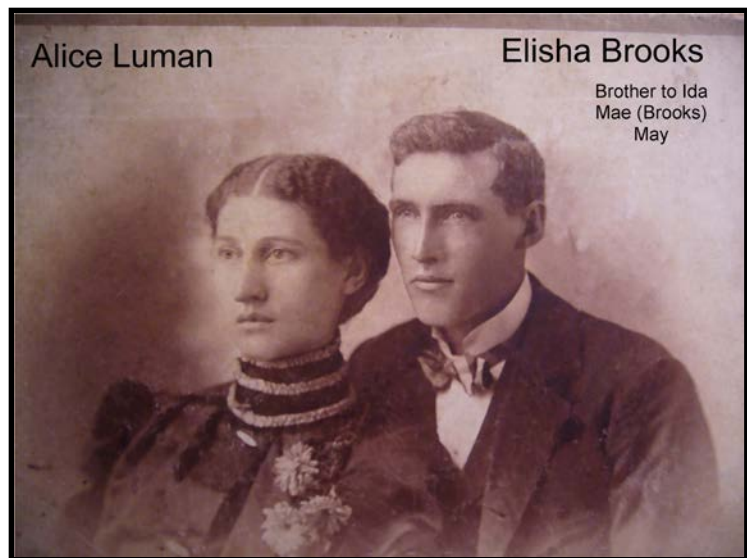
John and Ida had three children John Jr. who died in infancy, Eva Virginia May, and George Alden May.

George Alden May was referred to as Uncle AL. Uncle Al married Alice Rouse and they had 2 children, Gary Alan May, and Daryl Alden May.

One of Ida's brothers Frank carried mail by horse back out of Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. He died of exposure to the elements.



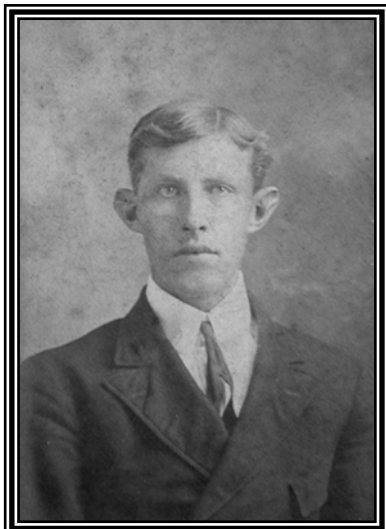
Ida Mae (Brooks) May



Alice Luman

Elisha Brooks

Brother to Ida  
Mae (Brooks)  
May



Left: Walter Brooks Ida's Brother

# Ancestry of Ida Mae Brooks



## 2 Joseph Dorsey Brooks

B: 12 Nov 1841  
P: Bellfontaine, W, O, USA  
M: 2 Apr 1863  
P: <Newtown, , , Illinois>  
D: 4 Jun 1905  
P: Potomac, V, Illinois, USA

## 4 Dorsey Joseph Brooks

B: 23 Jul 1811  
P: , , Ohio, USA  
M:  
P:  
D: 20 Apr 1876  
P: , Vermilion, Illinois

## 5 Susannah Pate

B: 12 Mar 1804  
P: , , Virginia, USA  
D: 22 Apr 1869  
P:

## 1 Ida Mae Brooks

B: 23 Feb 1875  
P: Newtown, Illinois, USA  
M: 27 Jun 1904  
P:  
D: 8 Apr 1924  
P:

**John C. Eret May**  
(Spouse of no. 1)

## 3 Sarah Melissa Swem

B: 27 Nov 1841  
P: Perrysville, V, I, USA  
D: 3 Mar 1923  
P:

## 6 William C. Swem

B: 27 Apr 1791  
P: , , Ohio, USA  
M: 27 Mar 1834  
P:  
D:  
P:

## 7 Eliza McCord Johnson

B: 29 Nov 1806  
P: , Warren, Ohio  
D: 1889  
P:

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B:  
P:  
M:  
P:  
D:  
P:

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B:  
P:  
D:  
P:

## 10 Jr. Jerimiah Pate

B: 1754  
P: , Montgomery, V, USA  
M: 1781  
P: , , Virginia, USA  
D: 1819  
P: , Dearborn Co., I, USA

## 11 Mary Jones

B: 1781  
P:  
D:  
P:

## 12 Jesse Swem

B: 17 Feb 1759  
P: , , Ohio, USA  
M:  
P:

## 13 Mary Lindsey

B: 25 Jan 1770  
P: , , Pennsylvania  
D: 6 Apr 1825  
P: , Clermont County, Ohio

## 14 James Johnson

B:  
P:  
M:  
P:  
D:  
P:

## 15 Mary Sawyer

B: 1789  
P: , , Pennsylvania  
D: 1854  
P:

16

B:  
M:  
D:

17

B:  
D:

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B:  
M:  
D:

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B:  
D:

## 20 Jerimiah Pate

B: Apr 1732  
M: 1753  
D: 18 Jun 1812

## 21 Christina Harman

B: Abt 1738  
D: 2 Apr 1816

22

B:  
M:  
D:

23

B:  
D:

## 24 Daniel Swem

B: Abt 1730/1735  
M:  
D:

25

B:  
D:

## 26 Hezekiah Lindsey

B: 1747  
M: 1767  
D: 16 Feb 1826

## 27 Eliza Fisher

B: 9 Oct 1752  
D: 14 Aug 1837

28

B:  
M:  
D:

29

B:  
D:

## 30 Joseph Sawyer

B:  
M:  
D:

## 31 Elizabeth McFarland

B:  
D:

32

B:

33

B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

40

B: 1702

41

Sarah English

42

B: Abt 1711

43

Sr. Heinrick A Harman

44

B: Abt 1700

45

Louisa Katrina Mathias

46

B: 1704

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B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

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B:

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David B. Lindsey

53

B: 1720

54

Mary Fleming

55

B: Abt 1723

56

Adam Fisher

57

B: Abt 1735

58

Sarah Nichols

59

B: Abt 1740

60

B:

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John Sawyer

62

B: 4 Aug 1729

63

Jean Allen

B:



## The Ancestry of Ida Mae Brooks MAY

**Ida's Father was Joseph Dorsey Brooks** born on 12 Nov 1841 in Ohio, a shoemaker by trade according to a 1842 Census. The 1870 Census of Oakwood, Illinois shows Dorsey age 58 and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Mary J. Miller age 52 both from Ohio. Joseph died from asthma in 1905 in Potomac Illinois. Joseph Dorsey Brooks father was Dorsey Joseph Brooks and his mother was Susannah Pate.

"1st Generation:

DORSEY BROOKS, (Joseph) (B. August 22, 1811 in Ohio D. April 20, 1876 Vermillion County, Illinois) Was a boot and shoe manufacturer. Marrie (1<sup>st</sup> wife) Susanna (Pate) Johnson (B. March 17, 1804 in Montgomery County, Virginia D. April 22, 1869 in Vermillion County, Illinois) Both are buried in Pate Cemetery near Catlin, Vermillion County, Illinois.

A Source: United States Federal Census Records of Dorsey Brooks and family:

1840 Western Dist., Brooke Co., VA. (No. of Wheeling, W. VA.)

1850 Independence TWP., Washington Co., OH.

1860 Whitewater, near Cinn., Hamilton Co., OH.

(1862) Danville, Illinois - children married there in 1863.

1870 Oakwood, Vermillion Co., IL.

1880 Dist. 211, Catlin, Vermillion Co., IL.

No further information on the Brooks line at this time.

Joseph D. Brooks Mother's line was Pate. Susannah's Mother was Mary Jones with no further information. Susannah's paternal line include names like English, Pate, Harman, Hermann, Regis, Early, Mathias, Faise, Widmeier, and Fritz. The Hermann line can be traced back to 1535 and Germany. The Pate Line goes back to England in the 1600's.



Above Dorsey Brooks and wife Susannah Pate Brooks (Susan) headstones.  
Pate Cemetery near Danville, Illinois.

**Ida's Mother was Sarah Melissa Swem** born on 27 Nov 1841 in Perrysville, Vermilion County, Illinois. On Sarah's Paternal Line the Swem line goes back to Daniel Swem in Ohio in 1730. Other surnames on her paternal line include names like Lindsey, Beasley, Fleming, Fisher, and Nichols. The Fisher line tracing back to Pennsylvania in 1740 and the Lindsey and Fleming lines going back to Ireland in the late 1600's. David B. Lindsey Ida's Great, Great Great Grandfather was born in Tyrone County, Ireland and was married in Derry County, Ireland. Sarah Melisa Johnson Swem's Maternal lines included surnames like Johnson, Sawyer, McFarland, Allen, Clemson and Wright. The Clemson line can be traced back to England to the early 1600's. The Sawyer line goes back to Ireland in the early 1700's. The Johnson line goes to Warren County Ohio showing Sarah's mother Eliza McCord Johnson born in 1806.

## **Section 5**

### **Hoskins-Hoskinson-Hodgkinson**

**This Section Deals with the direct line of Hoskins Starting with Ezariah Hoskins, Father of Truman Leander Hoskins, continuing back to the 1600's in Preston England. The majority of this research was done by Robert J. Hoskins of Raleigh North Carolina.**

**Eighth Generation From John Hodgkinson**



# Sixth Generation

## Ezariah Hoskinson









### Time Line of History during Ezariah Hoskins' Life

1846 – 1914

Date	Event	Ezariah's Age
1846	<b>Sarah gives birth to 5th Son Ezariah <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	0
1858	<b>Minnesota Enters the Union</b>	12
1860	South Carolina Secedes from the Union	14
1861-1865	Abraham Lincoln president of US	15-19
1861-1865	Civil War	15-19
1864	<b>Ezariah and Lucretia Fugate are Married in Danville, Illinois</b>	18
1867	<b>Ezariah's parents move to Stearns County, Minnesota</b>	21
1869	Trans-continental railroad completed	23
1871	Great Chicago Fire	25
1872	<b>Ezariah and Lucretia's 4th child John William Born in Minnesota</b>	26
1873-1878	Depression, banks fail	27-32
1874	<b>Ezariah's Father Azariah Dies Stearns County, Minnesota</b>	28
1874	<b>Ezariah and Lucretia's 5th child Truman Leander Born <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	28
1876	Custer's Last Stand "Battle at Little Big Horn"	30
1879	Edison invents Electric Light Bulb	33
1883	<b>Ezariah's 8th child Dora born in Vermilion County, Illinois</b>	37
1885	<b>1st Automobile</b>	39
1903	<b>Wright Brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk</b>	57
1912	Titanic Sinks	66
1914	Henry Ford Automobile plant Michigan mass production	68
1914	<b>Ezariah dies of Pneumonia, Danville, Illinois</b>	68

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<b>Husband Jr. Ezariah or Azariah Hoskins</b>			
Born	1 May 1846	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	10 Sep 1914 or 2 Oct 1914	Place	
Buried		Place Johnson's Cem.	
Married	13 Jun 1864	Place , Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Husband's father	Azariah Hoskins		
Husband's mother	Salome Swisher		
<b>Wife Lucrita Fugate</b>			
Born	7 Nov 1848/1850	Place Henderson, Ky.	
Chr.		Place	
Died	22 Dec 1910	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois	
Buried		Place , Johnson Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Wife's father	Richard L. Fugate		
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Thrasher		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
<b>F Margaret Maggie Jane Hoskins</b>			
Born	26 May 1865	Place , Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	3 Mar 1932	Place , Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place , Johnson Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Spouse	William A. Smiley		
Married		Place	
<b>M Richard Hoskins</b>			
Born	1867	Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	
<b>F Ida Amy Ann Hoskins</b>			
Born	5 Jan 1870	Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died	16 Mar 1928	Place	
Buried		Place , Johnson Cem.	
Spouse	John Johnson		
Married		Place	
<b>M John William Hoskins</b>			
Born	22 Nov 1872	Place , Stearns, Minn.	
Chr.		Place	
Died	3 Jun 1963	Place Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place Jordan Cem. Pence, , Indiana, USA	
Spouse	Arilla Moss		
Married	7 Jan 1894	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>M Truman Leander Hoskins</b>			
Born	19 Dec 1874	Place Fairhaven, Stearns, Minn	
Chr.		Place	
Died	19 Mar 1963	Place Collison, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place Potomac, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Spouse	Carrie Olive Brown		
Married	4 Jul 1900	Place Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
<b>M Lester Seymore Hoskins</b>			
Born	12 Jun 1876	Place , Minn.	
Chr.		Place	
Died	20 Oct 1922	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Buried	22 Oct 1922	Place , Johnson Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Spouse	Rose Rebecca Smith		
Married	20 Sep 1900	Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>M Charles Clyde Hoskins</b>			
Born	12 May 1882	Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died	24 Apr 1959	Place	
Buried		Place , Gordon Cem. Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Spouse	Laura Ellen Fugate		
Married	11 Mar 1903	Place Danville, Illinois, USA	

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<b>Husband</b>		<b>Jr. Ezariah or Azariah Hoskins</b>	
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Lucrita Fugate</b>	
<b>Children</b>		List each child in order of birth.	
8	F	<b>Dora Elsie Elizabeth Hoskins</b>	
		Born 11 Jul 1883 Place Blount Township, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
		Chr. Place	
		Died 29 Dec 1957 Place Westville, Illinois, USA	
		Buried Place , Johnson Cem.	
		Spouse John Frank Taylor	
		Married 8 Sep 1898 Place Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
9	F	<b>Leona Hoskins</b>	
		Born 16 Jan 1884 Place Blount Township, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
		Chr. Place	
		Died 3 Oct 1945 Place Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
		Buried Place , Johnson Cem., Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
		Spouse Robert Kimmint Kim Parks	
		Married 6 Dec 1913 Place Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	



### Ezariah/Azariah Jr. Hoskins 1846 - 1914

Headstone shows Ezariah Land Grant shows Azariah Jr.

Ezariah was born in the old town of Denmark now where Lake Vermilion is.

Tombstone reads death date: 9/30/1914

Court House Records shows date: 10/2/1914. Newspaper says he died on a Friday which agrees with the Courthouse Record.

Census Records and others have various spellings of either Ezariah or Azariah.

**Ezariah's Hoskins'** father Azariah Sr. and mother Sarah Hoskins had eight children (see Family Group Sheets). Our direct lineage is from their son Ezariah Hoskins, who was born in 1846 in Danville, Illinois. He married Lucretia Fugate in Vermilion County, Illinois by Jacob Brazelton Justice of the Peace on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jun 1864. Ezariah was born in the old town of Denmark. This ancient town was settled in 1826 by Seymour Treat. Denmark was located at the foot of the hill on the road that now goes across Lake Vermilion northwest of Danville. By 1835, Denmark was important enough to have an independent rifle team. Its greatest prosperity was from 1835 to 1842. Denmark became a noted place. It had a bad name and whisky is alleged to have brought about its ruin. Brawls and street fights were alleged to be an everyday occurrence. Anyway, Denmark received a wet and watery grave because today nearly all the village lies at the bottom of Lake Vermilion.

**Lucretia Fugate** was a native of Kentucky. Her father was Richard Fugate, and mother was Elizabeth Thrasher Fugate. Married in Pendleton Co., KY the Fugates began their family there but most of the children spent their early years upward in Vermilion Co. They intermarried with the Hoskins and associated families and spent their lives with that large group of the Danville area.



Lucretia's mother, Elizabeth Thrasher was born to Stephen Thrasher and Jane Powers in the Pendleton Co., KY area in 1826. When she was of a very young age, her father died and her mother married a Nelson Beckett. She seems to be a child set off from her siblings as her mother was Stephen's second wife and her siblings were step siblings all of them much older. Coupled with that, her father's death placed her in the home of a step father.

Ezariah and his family undertook to homestead; a place near Fairhaven Minn. Minnesota Territorial State Census on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1875 shows them there as well as Lucretia's parents Richard and Elizabeth Thrasher Fugate. After losing a battle against winter blizzards, summer droughts, wolves, and grasshoppers, they sold out to relatives and returned to the vicinity of Potomac, Il. (Indian Mounds). Later they traveled south and settled near Tullahoma, Tenn., but this venture too, was unsuccessful. They started northward by flatboat to Vincennes, Ind., and from there brought their belongings back to the Danville, Il. area by horse and wagon. The Jun of 1880 Census shows Azariah (Ezariah) and Lucretia in Middelfork Township, Vermilion County, Illinois. William Frank May lived close by during this time Willam May and Ezariah's Grandchildren Harry and Eva would someday meet and marry. The next document records Azariah in the 1900 Blount Township, of Vermilion County, Illinois. The 1910 Census shows them living in Newell Township which is just East of Blount Township. Their youngest daughter Leona was still living at home. Their son Truman lived close by. Truman's brother-in-law Perry Brown also showed living with Truman in 1910. Azariah died in the fall of 1914 at the age of 68 from Pneumonia after having a broken leg he is buried in Johnson's Cemetery, Danville, Illinois. Lucretia followed him in death within a couple of years and is also buried in Johnson's Cemetery.



Lucrita Fugate & Ezariah Hoskins





Ezariah's Homestead Land Deed, 1876 in Minnesota. Sect. 32. That was located about a 1/2 mile south of Azariah Sr. & Sarah Hoskins land. I picked this up in the Wash.D.C. land office some years ago. (From Robert J. Hoskins)

**PIONEER FARMER IN  
CRITICAL CONDITION**

Ezra Hoskins, well known Newell township farmer, was removed to St. Elizabeth hospital yesterday, suffering from a fracture of the right hip, sustained on Thursday of last week, when he fell at the home of his son, Truman Hoskins, who resides near Bluegrass. He was removed to the Vermillion County Hospital Tuesday and later taken to St. Elizabeth hospital at the instigation of his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Pool, of this city, who was not aware of her father's injury until Monday, four days after he had sustained the fracture.

On account of Haskin's age, his condition is critical although the injury may not result fatally. Last evening he was reported to be resting nicely at the local hospital.

The funeral of Ezariah Hoskins was held at 9:45 o'clock Sunday mornig from the undertaking parlors of John Gilmore. Rev. Scroggs, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church, officiated and the body was taken to the Johnson cemetery for interment.

Mr. Hoskins, aged 68 years, died at the home of his daughter, Margaret Toole, 418 East Main street, at 10:45 o'clock Friday night from injuries sustained at Blue Glass, Ill., a few weeks ago. One of his legs was broken and he contracted pneumonia which caused his death.



*10/10 May 3, 1901*  
The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. *3485*  
Application *6837*

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at *St. Cloud Minnesota*

whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of *Azariah Haskins Junior*

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North west-quarter of Section Thirty two, in Township One hundred and twenty two, of Range twenty nine, in the District of lands, subject to sale at *St. Cloud Minnesota*, containing One hundred and sixty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said *Azariah Haskins Junior* the tract of Land above described: To Have and to Hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Azariah Haskins Junior*, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, *J. Myssus S. Grant*, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.



Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *thirtieth* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Seventy six*, and of the Independence of the United States the *One hundred*th,

BY THE PRESIDENT:

*U.S. Grant*

By

*L.D. Lane*

, Sec'y.

*B.M. Clark*

, Recorder of the General Land Office



## Robert James Hoskins

A brother of Ezeriah Hoskins was George Washington Hoskins an early pioneer to the Vermilion County, Illinois area in the mid 1800's.

He married Mary E. Gritton, who was born in Indiana in 1850, and afterward bought a farm in Ross Township for which he paid \$6 per acre. Mr. Hoskins was the parents of six children who lived to maturity and others who died in infancy. All of their children married and settled within six miles of them; they had bought the old home farm in 1867. Mr. Hoskins has served as tax collector and school director and been identified with the building of churches and schools in that neighborhood.

When some of the members of the family went to Minnesota George stayed in the area to run his father's farm. A biographical record is found in "The Past and Present History of Vermilion County" 1903 by Pearson R 977.365 P361 Public Library Danville.

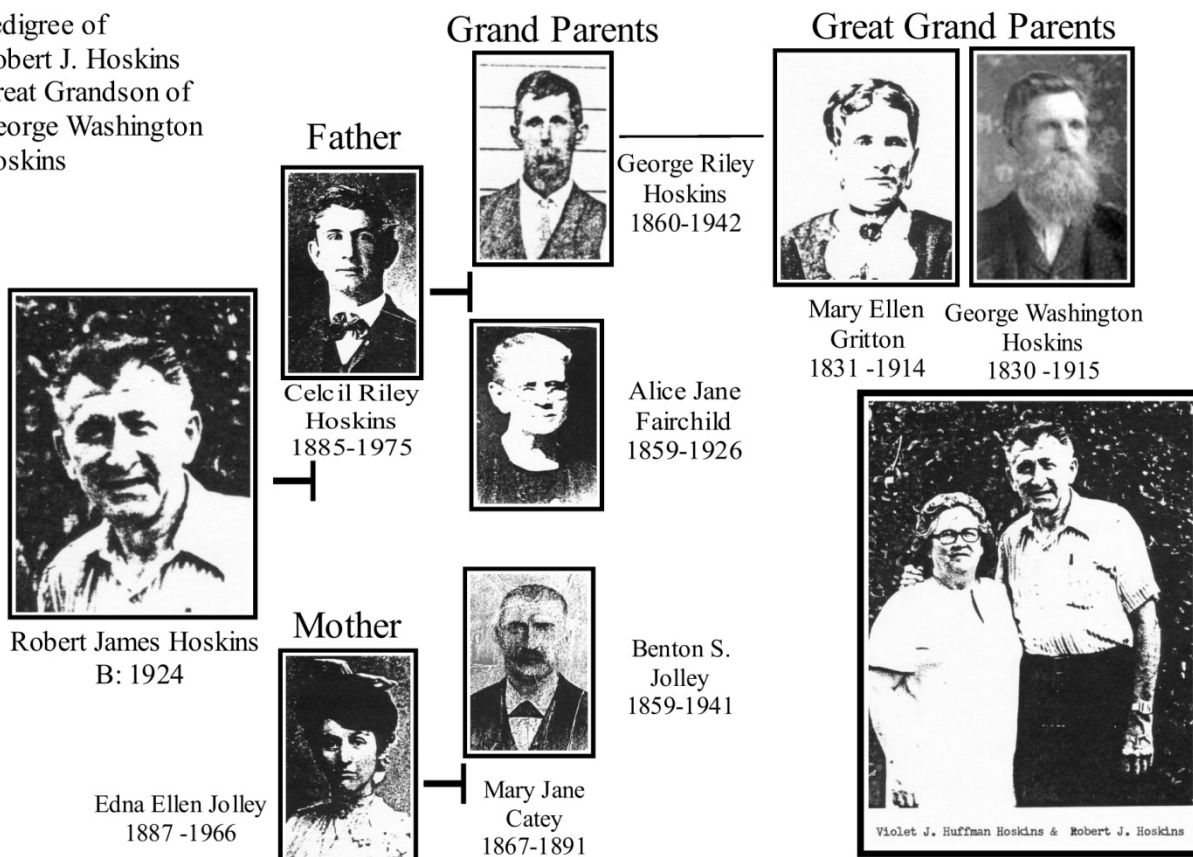
There are other mentions in the biography of descendants and history which may be found.

George Washington Hoskins is also the Great Grandfather of Robert J. Hoskins whose research has contributed to much of our Hoskins Line. There is more information On George W. Hoskins and Robert J. Hoskins in Robert's book "A history of the Azariah Hoskins/Hosinson Family of Vermilion County., Illinois".

Robert James Hoskins was born on a farm near Bismark, Vermilion County, Illinois in 1924. His occupation working for a LP Gas Corporation eventually took him to Raleigh, North Carolina where he settled and retired. He had Married Violet Huffman and they had 3 children Jack, Christine and Perry.

*The next section of this book and our family line from this point back was researched and gathered by Robert J. Hoskins.*

Pedigree of  
Robert J. Hoskins  
Great Grandson of  
George Washington  
Hoskins



# Seventh Generation

## Azariah Hoskinson

### Time Line of History during Azariah Hoskins' Life

1799 – 1874

Date	Event	Azariah's Age
1799	<b>Mary gives birth to their 1st born Azariah Hoskins Our Ancestor</b>	
1800	<b>Jeremiah and Mary moved to Washington, County, Ohio</b>	1
1800-1809	Thomas Jefferson President	1
1809-1816	James Madison President	1-17
1811	<b>Azariah's mother Mary dies</b>	12
1818	Illinois Enters the Union	19
1824	<b>Azariah is married to 1st wife Pribble</b>	25
Abt 1825	<b>Azariah comes to Vermilion County, Illinois</b>	26
1828	1st Railroad in the U.S.	29
1829	<b>Azariah is married to 2nd wife Salome (Sarah) Swisher</b>	30
1830-1860	Underground railroad leads 100,000 slaves to freedom in US	31 to 61
1831	<b>Azariah settled in the area of Rossville, Illinois</b>	32
1836	Battle at the Alamo	37
1846	<b>Sarah gives birth to 5th Son Ezariah Our Ancestor</b>	47
1858	Minnesota Enters the Union	59
1860	South Carolina Secedes from the Union	61
1861-1865	Abraham Lincoln president of US	62-66
1861-1865	Civil War	62-66
1867	<b>Azariah and Sarah move to Stearns County, Minnesota</b>	68
1869	Trans-continental railroad completed	70
1873	Color Photographs	74
1873-1878	Depression, banks fail	74-
1874	<b>Azariah Dies Stearns County, Minnesota</b>	75

# Seventh Generation

## Family Group Record






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<b>Husband Azariah Hoskins</b>		
Born	17 Aug 1799	Place Monroe, Mongolia, Virginia, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	17 Mar 1874	Place , Stearns, Minn
Buried		Place Eden Valley Cem., Eden Valley, Minnesota, USA
Married	Est 1824	Place <, Monroe, Virginia>
Husband's father	Jeremiah H Hoskinson	
Husband's mother	Mary Scott	
<b>Wife Pribble 1st Wife</b>		
Born		Place
Chr.		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	<b>Clarinda Pribble Step Daughter</b>
	Born	1822 Place , Indiana, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	F	<b>Cynthia Webb ? Step Daughter</b>
	Born	1824 Place , Indiana, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place



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<b>Husband      Azariah Hoskins</b>			
Born	17 Aug 1799	Place    Monroe, Mongolia, Virginia, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	17 Mar 1874	Place    , Stearns, Minn	
Buried		Place    Eden Valley Cem., Eden Valley, Minnesota, USA	
Married	1 Feb 1829	Place    Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Husband's father	Jeremiah H Hoskinson		
Husband's mother	Mary Scott		
<b>Wife              Salome Swisher</b>			
Born	13 Dec 1804	Place    , Guilford, N.C.	
Chr.		Place	
Died	9 Feb 1895	Place    , Stearns, Minn	
Buried		Place    Eden Valley, , Minnesota, USA	
Wife's father	George SWISHER		
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Goodner		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
<b>M      George Washington Hoskins</b>			
Born	20 Feb 1830	Place    Georgetown, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	14 Jan 1915	Place    , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place    , Johnson Cem.	
Spouse	Mary Ellen Gritton		
Married	2 Apr 1854	Place    , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>M      William Riley Hoskins</b>			
Born	7 Jun 1831	Place    Blunt Twsp., Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	21 Aug 1917	Place    , Stearns, Minn	
Buried		Place    Eden Lake Cemetery, Stearns County, Minn.	
Spouse	Pheraba Frank		
Married	Est 1855	Place    <Blunt Twsp., , Vermilion, Illinois>	
<b>M      Eli Hoskins</b>			
Born	30 May 1837	Place    Blunt Twsp., Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	1 Nov 1917	Place    , Stearns, Minn	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Margaret A. Goodner		
Married	12 Jun 1860	Place    , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>M      Elza A. Hoskins</b>			
Born	1838	Place    Blunt Twsp., Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	7 Jul 1867	Place    Gordon Cemetery Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Orpha Shumate		
Married	5 Jul 1864	Place    , Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
<b>M      Jr. Ezariah or Azariah Hoskins</b>			
Born	1 May 1846	Place    Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	30 Sep 1914 or 2 Oct 1914	Place	
Buried		Place    Johnson's Cem.	
Spouse	Lucrita Fugate		
Married	13 Jun 1864	Place    , Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
<b>M      John Henry Hoskins</b>			
Born	19 Dec 1848	Place    Blunt Twsp., Vermilion County, Illinois, USA	
Chr.		Place	
Died	31 Dec 1914	Place    , Stearns County, Minn	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Alice Almira Campbell		
Married	1870	Place    , Stearn. Minn.	

## **Azariah Hoskinson/Hoskins**

### **1799 – 1874**

Azariah Hoskins is the next in our family tree. Azariah was the oldest son of Jeremiah and Mary Scott Hoskinson. History seems to verify that he was born in Virginia, probably Monongalia County. In about 1800 Azariah's parents moved to Newport Township, Washington county, Ohio about 40 miles up the Ohio river from Marietta. Not much is known of his early years but around the age of 14 Azariah, his brother Elza and their 5 sisters were taken to Monongalia County, Virginia and bonded to their Grandfather, Thomas Scott, until they became of age. No reason was given for this, but it is believed that it was due to the death of their mother sometime in 1813. No record has been found that the Hoskins children ever returned to live with their father in Ohio. According to records, all seven of the Hoskins children accompanied their uncle Achilles Morgan and wife Susannah Scott Morgan (Susannah Scott and Mary Scott Hoskinson were sisters; daughters of Thomas and Mary Scott) in a move leaving from an area called Horseshoe Bend.

One History of Vermilion County, Illinois "A Tale of its Evolution, Settlement and Progress for Nearly a Century BY LOTTIE E. JONES" states that Azariah came to Vermilion County in 1825, by flatboat from their home in Virginia, down the Ohio river to Cairo, in Illinois, where they took wagons and came to Vermilion County. It took several weeks for them to make this trip. Mr. Hoskins, the father of George W. Hoskins (who was born in Vermilion County) settled on what was known as the Helt's Prairie, and later removed to the vicinity of Georgetown in the timber.

H.W. Beckwith's History of Vermilion county, Illinois states that the Hoskins children arrived just before 1824. Other Land records and Marriage records seem to coincide with this date.

From the book "Trails West A History of the Hoskins Family" we read;

Jeremiah's seven children by Mary Scott all migrated together to Edgar County, Illinois. (a part of which later became Vermilion County). They arrived there in about 1823, after a two or three year stopover in the Helt's prairie area, of then Vigo County, Indiana. This area is now Helt's Township, Vermilion County, Illinois.

From "A History of the Azariah Hoskins/Hoskinson Family of Vermilion Co., Illinois" by Robert J. Hoskins we read...

Azariah Hoskins/Hoskinson

1799-1874

Monongalia County, Va – Stearns County, Mn

The fifth in the Hoskins/Hoskinson family tree is Azariah, the subject of this history. He was born in Virginia in August of 1799 to Jeremiah and Mary Scott Hoskinson, probably in the Buffalo Creek area in what was then Monongalia county, West Virginia.

At this point in research, there is some confusion as to Azariah's exact birth date. His son, George Washington Hoskins stated in his Biography (Past and Present History of Vermilion Co., Ill. 1903 by Pearson). That his father was born in Virginia on 17 August, 1799. But his stone in Eden Valley Cemetery in Stearns County, Minnesota states that his death date was 17 March 1874 at the age of 74 years, 6 months and 22 days, which puts his birth date close to 26 August 1799, Also, Oliver Cromwell Hoskins in Utah, noted in his 1869 Journal that Azariah was born 22 August 1799.

Azariah's early years were spent on the banks of the Ohio River in Grandview Township, Washington County, Ohio. Nothing much is known about his early life at that time, other than his father was mentioned in the Census and tax records during those years. As discussed earlier in his father's history, his mother apparently died in 1813, leaving Azariah and his six siblings motherless. Also, as outlined in the record for Jeremiah, his seven children were taken to Monongalia County in 1814 and bonded to their grandfather, Thomas Scott until they become of legal age. No reason was given for this and I have never been able to locate any further record pertaining to this bonding. Also, I have never been successful in finding any further record of these children in Monongalia county, although it is known that Thomas Scott was living there, on Buffalo Creek at the time and continued to live there for several years after. It's my opinion that the children continued to live with the Scotts, went to school and some of them grew to adulthood there.

Although the Hoskins name always used as Hoskinson from Jeremiah's generation back in time, the bonding document is one of the instruments that proves that our name was at one time Hoskinson. The shorter version of Hoskins came into use about the time that the Hoskinson children migrated to Illinois and is still used that way today. As previously mentioned in the Jeremiah Hoskinson section, this bonding is recorded in the Monongalia County, Va. County Court Order Book #5, page #246.

It is not known how long the children remained with the Scotts, probably until 1820, when they then left Monongalia County with their Uncle Achilles Morgan. At this writing and as mentioned



before, I have never found any evidence that the children ever rejoined or lived with their father in Ohio after they were bonded to the Scotts in Monongalia Co., Va. Also, my grandfather once told me that “Azariah had been a Shoemaker by trade”. I have never found Azariah to have been anything other than a farmer, but he may at some time, been apprenticed to a shoemaker in his growing up years in Monongalia County. Many young boys were apprenticed in those days to learn a trade, so this would not have been unusual for a boy of Azariah’s age. If true, it is possible that he may have practiced this trade from time to time as a sideline to his farming.

There were also a number of people in the Buffalo Creek area that Azariah and his siblings continued to live near, travel and associate with into their later years. These were Achilles and Susannah Morgan, the Underwoods, Martins, Bochs, Scotts, and others. Some of these people migrated with Achilles Morgan and the Hoskins children to Vermillion County, Illinois, all settling in Elwood Township near Georgetown, Illinois. At the time the Hoskins children settled in Elwood Township the area was primitive and wild with very few other settlers in the area.

George W. Hoskins states in his biography, given in “Past and Present History of Vermilion County – 1903 by Pearson” that Azariah Hoskins was born In Virginia August 17, 1799 and leaving that State migrated to Illinois, starting from what is called Horseshoe Bend of the Ohio River. This was about 1825. His Uncle Morgan building a boat in which to travel, made their way down the Ohio River to Cairo. This was flatboat and consequence they had to float with the tide. On reaching Cairo they left the boat and by covered wagon came to Vermilion County after several weeks on the road. The father of our subject settled on what was called Helt’s Prairie and later removed to the vicinity of Georgetown, settling in the edge of the timber. He married Sarah Swisher and they lived in a district where the Indians were numerous and where the work of development and improvement seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Hoskins of this review has often heard his mother relate how Indians visited their home at the time of the “Black Hawk War”.

According to the 1903 Biography of George W. Hoskins, written in “Pearsons”, the Hoskins children were supposed to have left the Va. Area by flatboat in about 1825, traveling with their Uncle Morgan. As is found in so many family histories, some of their accounts and memories do not always agree with the written record. In this case, Achilles Morgan handled his last land sale and finished his business in Monongalia County. In early November 1820. A little later he turned up on the 1820 Census of Vigo County, Indiana, taken on December 20, 1820 in the Helt’s prairie area. This would have allowed five or six weeks for his family and the Hoskins children to have made the journey, which seems reasonable. Except for the date, this fits with George W Hoskins account that Azariah settled in the Helt’s Prairie area for awhile.

The Hoskins Children were apparently staying with others during the 1820 census taking, as they did not appear in these records or any other enumeration that I could locate for that time period. This might also fit with a rumor that I have heard from others, that some of the younger children may have been temporarily left with relatives in Kentucky. If true this is believed to have been in the Breckenridge or Hardin County areas. This would have allowed Azariah and Elza to travel

ahead with their older sisters and the Morgans to prepare a home for the family, then return to Kentucky for them a short time later.

I have attempted to locate the area referred to as “The Horseshoe Bend Area” in eastern Ohio by contacting the Ohio Historical Society but they had no record of such a place other than one known as “The Big Bend Area” in Meigs County. However, there is an area known as the “Horseshoe Bend Area” in Southern Indiana along the Crawford County section of the Ohio River. This location lies just across the river from the area in Kentucky where some of the Hoskinson children may have stopped off on their journey. Crawford County Indiana is also the same area where Elza’s wife, Mary Hall had lived for a time before her family came on to Vermilion County. This has led me to believe that Elza and his wife Mary Hall may have become acquainted in this area before their families reached Vermilion County. If Azariah and Elza did return to Kentucky to bring their younger sisters to their new home, they may have left there, from the “Horseshoe Bend area” of the Ohio River in southern Indiana, rather than from Ohio.

In 1821, Azariah and his family of siblings moved into what is now Vermilion County, Illinois from the Helt’s prairie area in Indiana. In 1821 this area was still Clark County, which a short time later became Edgar County and at a later date then became Vermilion County, The Helt’s Prairie area in Indiana was only a short distance east from where they settled in Vermilion County. Some proof of the time when they moved is in a history of Vermilion County as follows: In Beckwith’s 1879 History of Vermilion Co., Ill on page 563 it is noted that; “when Henry Cannady returned to Elwood Township from Tennessee to live. Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bocke. And the Hoskins children had come, none of whom remained here, and John Mills was farther west”. It was in 1821 that the Cannadys returned from Tennessee. At a later date, on 7 June 1824 Azariah and Elza Hoskins applied at the Palestine, Illinois land office for the purchase of 80 acres of Government land in the E ½ of SE ¼ of Section #1. Twsp 17 North Range 12 West in Elwood Township, (Then Edgar Co.) Vermilion County, Ill.

I will note at this point that Achilles and Susannah Morgan, George Bock, Cynthia Bock Coburn and Mary Scott are all buried in the same plot on Bock Cemetery. This is located about three and a half miles east of present day, downtown Westville, Illinois. Their stones still exist there and are all located together in the same plot. I have never found any record as to when Mary Scott came to Vermilion County, but it was probably much later than the Morgans and the Hoskins. Thomas had probably died prior to this as there is no mention of him in Vermilion County records during this time period. Also, the 1840 Vermilion County Census shows a very old lady living with Josiah and Susannah Hoskinson Morgan at that time. I believe this woman to have been Mary Scott, Susannah’s grandmother.

On 27 July 1824 Cynthia Hoskins, one of Azariah’s sisters was married to Elijah Hall. That same year on 12 October 1824, Elza married Mary Hall, sister to Elijah. Both marriages took place in Edgar County, Ill. Elijah and Mary Hall were children of William and Anna Copeland Hall of

Tennessee. As mentioned earlier, prior to their coming into Illinois, the Halls and Copelands were in Crawford County, Indiana. The Halls and Copelands also came to the Georgetown area in Vermilion County, about the same time that the Hoskins did.

*End of transcript of Robert's Book*

**Azariah's Uncle Achilles Morgan** played an active part in establishing Vermilion County, Illinois. He was one of the first county commissioners and one of three men who decided upon the name of Danville for the county seat. Achilles Morgan was also involved with protecting Chicago from the destruction of Indians when Chicago was but a fort with a few people living there.

**Vermillion Rangers** also *Vermillion County Battalion*; in July 1827 Gurdon S. Hubbard, then of Danville (on the Big Vermillion River), was in the Kinzie house at Chicago when Governor Cass of the Territory of Michigan made a surprise visit to warn of impending danger from the restive Winnebago. Hubbard sped to Danville in record time and led 100 militia volunteers from the *Vermillion County Battalion*—the *Vermillion Rangers*—on horseback to Chicago to help safeguard the small settlement, unprotected because Fort Dearborn had not been garrisoned since 1823; **Achilles Morgan** was chosen by the volunteers as captain, and Hezekiah Cunningham, serving as a private, later gave an account of the experience; additional names of participating militia members may be found in that report. Another contemporary was Henry W. Blodgett and his description of Hubbard's appearance at that time follows. The picture of him, as he led his Vermillion County rangers up before the old fort, will ever remain in my memory. I think without exception, he was the nearest to my ideal of a frontier soldier, of anyone I have ever seen. Splendid in physique, six feet and something more in height, he rode a splendid horse, and dressed in just enough of the frontier costume to make his figure a picturesque one. He wore buckskin leggings, fringed with red and blue and a jaunty sort of hunting-cap. In a red sash about his waist was stuck, on one side, a silver-handled hunting-knife, on the other, a richly mounted tomahawk. His saddle and horse accoutrements were elegant, I might say fantastic, and altogether he made a figure ever to be remembered.

Andreas, Alfred Theodore. History of Chicago. From the Earliest Period to the Present Time. 3 vols. Chicago, 1884-1888. [lists of early settlers, Vol. 3, pp. 394-97]



At the time of their arrival in Edgar (Vermilion) County, Illinois the area had just been opened up for settlement. Azariah and his brother Elza built cabins and settled on their 80 acres as soon as they obtained the land. The Indians still lived in the area and were numerous. The land was still wild and their cabins and farm land had to be wrestled from the wilderness, which Azariah and Elza did to create their first home in this new land.

Almost as soon as the Hoskins children settled in Illinois, they began to marry. Elza married Mary Hall on 18 Oct 1824 in Vermilion County. Mary is the daughter of William and Anna Copeland Hall. She was born 9 Jun 1808 in Greyson, Weakley County, Tennessee.

In 1830 Elza and Azariah sold their land near Georgetown and each went his separate way. Elza remained in the Georgetown area for a while and later moved to an area near what is now Newtown, Vermilion County, Illinois.

Vermilion County Land Records      Book 191      Page 189

USA Land Certificate #4767

Whereas Elza Hoskins and Jefferson Copeland of vermilion County, Illinois have deposited in the General Land Office at Danville, ¼ of Sect. one in Twp. 19 North, Range 13 West, containing 93 acres and 23/100 acres granted to Elza Hoskins and Jefferson Copeland.

By Martin Van Buren, Pres. Of United States

Given in Washington 1 Nov. 1839

Filed 14 Dec 1905.

Elza and Mary sold their half to Henson Vinson on 2 may 1839. Recorded in Book F page 451 and 452.

In 1839 Elza and his family and other family members moved to Iowa.

Azariah's Brother Elza served in the Black Hawk War. He was a private in the Illinois Militia, Captain Gillespie's Company, Col. Moores' Regt. Mtd. Vols. He applied for a bounty land grant. The Black Hawk War is one of the saddest stories in American history, but it is also one of the most remarkable. Among the men who joined the army to fight against Black Hawk were Abraham Lincoln, Zachary Taylor, Jefferson Davis, and sons of Alexander Hamilton and Daniel Boone. The Sauk and Fox Indians had lived along the Rock River near the Mississippi in northwestern Illinois since 1767. A few months after the Louisiana Purchase of 9 March 1804 a series of events occurred, which Black Hawk later said were the source of all the troubles leading to war. Four Sauk Indian braves traveled to Saint Louis to meet with the new American Fathers. They signed a paper giving the whites some land west of the Mississippi River and a small amount, they thought, east of the river. The Americans apparently did not mention that the treaty gave the United States government all Sauk and Fox land including the Indian's own villages. The years passed and no disastrous consequences came of the treaty. But in the summer of 1829 everything began to change. The whites drove the Indians from their villages. During the winter of 1831/32 they nearly starved. By 1 August 1832, after several encounters with the army, the exhausted and starving survivors of Black Hawks' band surrendered. Elza applied for bounty land and received a bounty land claim for 40 acres in Decatur County, Iowa on 28 April 1855. Elza died 13 April 1878 and Mary died 22 March 1887, both in Crescent City, Pottawatomie, Iowa.

**Azariah** married (Sarah) Salome Swisher in Vermilion County, Illinois on 1 February 1829. She was of German descent, born in Guilford County, North Carolina on 13 December 1804. She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Goodner Swisher. They lived in an area where Indians were numerous and where the work of development and improvements seemed scarcely begun. It was recalled by their children the stories their mother told them of the frequent visits by Indians of the area during the Black Hawk War.

The county was all in a wild state when Azariah purchased a tract of land, in 1831, and settled on the South side of what is known as Walnut Grove, where the prosperous town of Rossville, Illinois now stands. When he took up his abode at that place, there was only one family living in the entire grove and only one white family resided between that place and Chicago (The City for protection against Indians). The city of Chicago at that time was garrisoned for protection against the Indians. Azariah hauled some wheat to Chicago at that time, selling it for fifty cents per bushel, after which he would camp out by the road, waiting for morning light in order to resume his journey. It was nothing then to have both horses stuck in the mud, for there were many sloughs and the district was very wet. The Kankakee and Iroquois rivers had to be forded and from the Kankakee across the prairie for eighteen miles there was not a single house. Danville had only one store in it at the time. Sarah Hoskins spun the flax and wool to make the clothing for the family for summer and winter use. In these pioneer days there were no matches and the settlers used to pick punk in the timber and used flint to start fires. If their own fires were extinguished they would often go to a neighbor to borrow fire. In those early days corn sold for ten cents per bushel and other crops brought prices fully as low. Homes were lighted with tallow candles, which were made by dipping a wick into melted tallow. After this was allowed to cool it was again dipped into the hot tallow and the process continued until the candle had reached its required size. Later candle molds were made prior to the time when kerosene came into use. Oftimes candles were fastened to the bushes in the forest, and around these early settlers gathered for purposes of worshipping God, for religious services were held in the groves before churches were erected. Later a log building was used for both school and church purposes. It was about 1940 that a frame house of worship was erected in the neighborhood. The girls would carry their shoes to church, putting them on just before entering the building and removing them immediately after the service, thus practicing economy. The church was a united one; all denominations worshipping there, but to some extent the people were bothered by the Mormons, for Joseph Smith with a band of followers had not yet left for the state of Utah.

In 1867 Azariah and Sarah sold their farm to their oldest son George Washington Hoskins and moved to Stearns County, Minnesota, where they homesteaded 160 acres of land from the government. Others of their sons and relatives had preceded them to Stearns County in 1864/5, all homesteading land there. George W. Hoskins remained behind on Azariah's home place.

Azariah Hoskins was a prominent and influential man in his community and took an active part in the pioneer development of the state of Illinois. He died in his 75th year in 1874 and was buried in Stearns County, Minnesota. Sarah obtained the homestead certificate for their land after her husband's death and remained there with her youngest son, John Henry Hoskins and his family for several years afterwards. Sarah passed away in her 91st year in 1895. She is also buried in Stearns County, Minnesota. In the family were eight children.

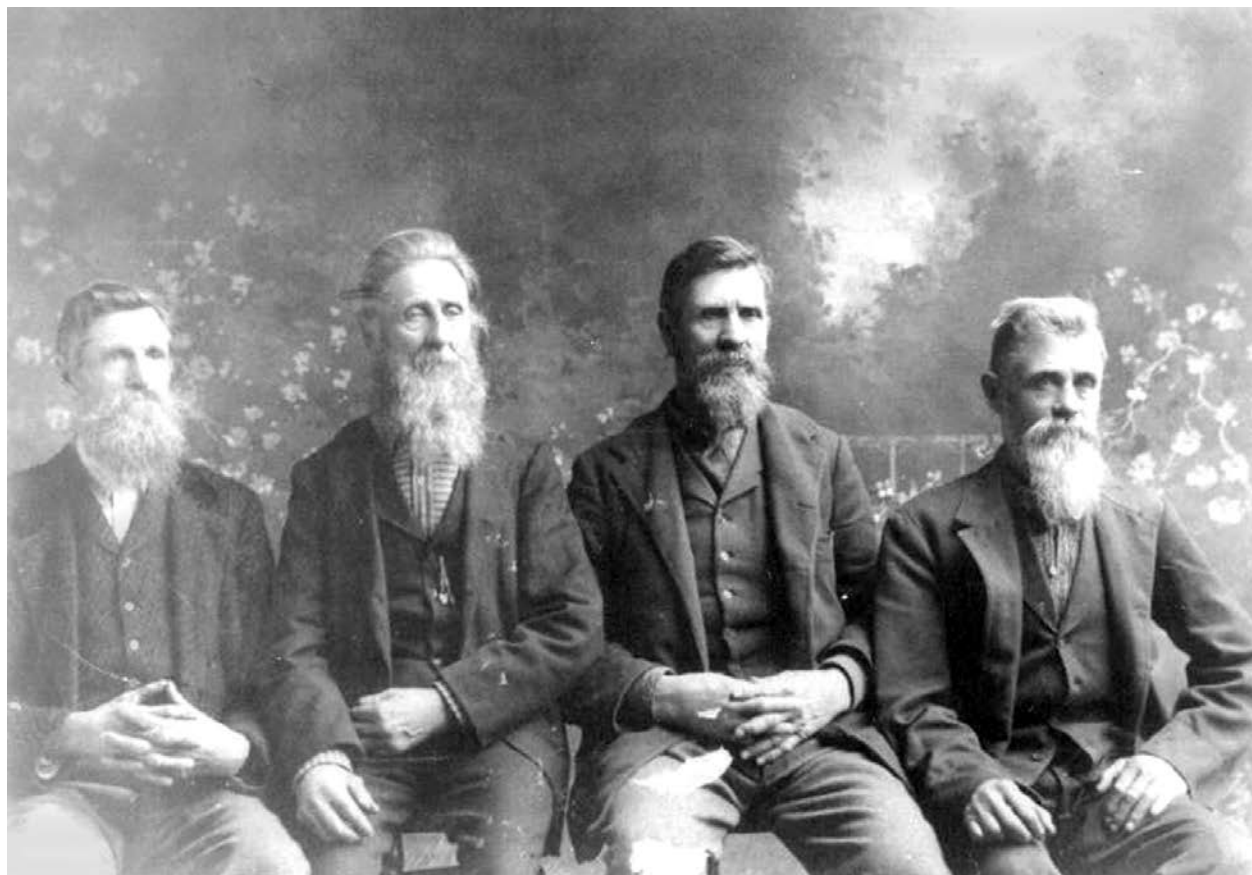
It should be noted that there is some evidence that Azariah may have married in the mid 1820's while living near Georgetown. It is known that he and Sarah raised two girls that were not their own. In 1845, one of the girls Clarinda Pribble, born in Indiana, married Jesse Gritton. Azariah signed her marriage consent papers, indicating that she was his stepdaughter. The other girl was Cynthia Webb, born in Indiana, who married Milton Miliner in 1844. Both of these girls and their families always remained near and later moved with Azariah and Sarah to Minnesota.

Eden Valley Cemetery,  
Stearns County, Minnesota





**Azariah's Son's (Ezariah's Brothers)**



George (Wash) Hoskins

Wm R. Hoskins

John Henry Hoskins

Eli Hoskins

Four of Azariah and Sarah Swisher Hoskins Sons



Below

Eli Hoskins about 1890 Stearns Co.  
Minnesota



# Sixth Generation

## Jeremiah H. Hoskinson

### Time Line of History during Jeremiah H. Hoskinson's Life

1775 – 1827

Date	Event	Jeremiah's Age
1775	<b>Mary and Azariah have a 3rd Son Jeremiah H Hoskinson Our Ancestor</b>	0
1776	Declaration of Independence	1
1778	France Joins the war against Britain	3
1787	Constitution is approved by the constitutional congress	12
1788	States begin to enter the Union	13
1789-1796	George Washington selected 1st President	14
1792	Kentucky enters the Union	
1793	<b>Jeremiah's father Azariah dies in Monongalia County Virginia</b>	18
1796-1800	John Adams President	21-25
1797	<b>Jeremiah and Mary Scott are Married</b>	22
1799	<b>Mary gives birth to their 1st born Azariah Hoskins Our Ancestor</b>	24
1800	<b>Jeremiah and Mary moved to Washington, County, Ohio</b>	25
1800-1809	Thomas Jefferson President	25-34
1803	Ohio 17th State to Enter the Union	28
1810	US pop. reaches 7.2 million	35
1811	<b>Jeremiah's 1st Wife Mary dies</b>	36
1812	<b>Jeremiah is married to Frances Fanny Delashman Scott</b>	37
1818	Illinois Enters the Union	43
1824	Erie Canal Finished	49
1827	<b>Jeremiah dies in Monroe County, Ohio</b>	52

# Sixth Generation

## Family Group Record

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<b>Husband Jeremiah H Hoskinson</b>			
Born	1775	Place	, (Ca.) Berkley, Virginia, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died	1827	Place	, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Buried		Place	Sardis, Ohio, USA
Married	1797	Place	Monongalia, Marion, Virginia, USA
Husband's father	Azariah Thomas Hoskinson		
Husband's mother	Mary		
<b>Wife Mary Scott</b>			
Born	1781	Place	, Mass
Chr.		Place	
Died	1811	Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Thomas Scott		
Wife's mother	Mary		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
1	<b>M Azariah Hoskins</b>		
Born	17 Aug 1799	Place	Monroe, Mongolia, Virginia, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died	17 Mar 1874	Place	, Stearns, Minn
Buried		Place	Eden Valley Cem., Eden Valley, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Salome Swisher		
Married	1 Feb 1829	Place	Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
2	<b>M Elza Ebray Hoskins</b>		
Born	13 Aug 1801	Place	, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died	13 Apr 1878	Place	Crescent, Potmie, Iowa, USA
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Mary Hall		
Married	12 Oct 1824	Place	, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
3	<b>F Lovina Hoskinson</b>		
Born	1803	Place	, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died	1864	Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Samuel Swisher		
Married	13 Jul 1826	Place	, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
4	<b>F Cynthia Hoskinson</b>		
Born	6 Dec 1805	Place	Grandview Township, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died	7 Jun 1886	Place	, Pottawattamie, Iowa, USA
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Elijah Hall		
Married	27 Jul 1824	Place	, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
5	<b>F Jane Ione Hoskinson</b>		
Born	1807	Place	Grandview Township, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	, Iowa, 1840's
Buried	Bates County, Missouri	Place	
Spouse	Jesse Moss		
Married	5 May 1828	Place	, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
6	<b>F Mary Hoskinson</b>		
Born	20 Aug 1810	Place	Grandview Township, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	, Iowa, USA
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Elijah Bowen Hale		
Married	3 Aug 1828	Place	, Vermilion, Illinois, USA
7	<b>F Susannah Hoskinson</b>		
Born	6 Mar 1813	Place	Grandview Township, Monroe, Ohio, USA
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Josiah Morgan		
Married	24 Mar 1833	Place	Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, USA



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<b>Husband Jeremiah H Hoskinson</b>		
Born	1775	Place , (Ca.) Berkley, Virginia, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	1827	Place , Monroe, Ohio, USA
Buried		Place Sardis, Ohio, USA
Married	Est 1812	Place <., Ohio>
Husband's father	Azariah Thomas Hoskinson	
Husband's mother	Mary	
<b>Wife Frances Fanny Delashman Scott</b>		
Born	1790	Place Williamstown, Mass
Chr.		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Wife's father	Stephen Scott	
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Mygatt Cook	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	<b>Melissa Delashman</b>
	Born	6 Mar 1813 Place , Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	M	<b>Joseph W. Hoskinson</b>
	Born	1815 Place , Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
3	F	<b>Sarah Hoskinson</b>
	Born	1818 Place , Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
4	M	<b>Thomas Bowman Hoskinson</b>
	Born	1 Jan 1819 Place , Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	7 Jul 1907 Place , Texas, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
5	M	<b>Scott Hoskinson</b>
	Born	1823 Place , Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
6	M	<b>Calvin Hoskinson</b>
	Born	Abt 1828 Place , Monroe, Ohio, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place

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## **JEREMIAH HOSKINSON Ca 1774/75-1828**

Berkeley Co., Va.,- Monroe Co., Ohio

The Sixth member in the Hoskins family tree is Jeremiah Hoskison, son of Azariah Thomas and Mary Hoskinson. It is not known exactly where Jeremiah was born, but it was almost certainly either in Prince George County, Maryland or Berkeley County, Virginia in about 1774/75.

Available records indicate that his parents moved from Prince George County between 1772 and 1777 but the exact date is not known. His very early years were in Berkeley County, as records indicate that his father was there in early 1777 and into 1778. It is also believed that they moved soon after that to Manallen Township in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Later, in about 1785 they again moved, this time to Monongalia County, Virginia where Jeremiah finished growing up, married and started a family. By that time there were also other members of the James Hoskinson family there from Berkeley and Prince George's Counties, these included Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jephtha, and Ezekiel.

Jeremiah grew up in the dangerous backwoods of Southwest Pennsylvania and Northwest Virginia under very poor and difficult circumstances. He was one of the oldest of Azariah's large family and his early boyhood life on the frontier was no doubt a hard one, which also included the years of the revolution. This, coupled with the fact that there were many Indians, wildcats and other hazards still in the area made it a rather formidable region to grow up in. Records seem to indicate that Jeremiah received very little, if any schooling, as he always used a mark to sign any documents that were required of him. I have never found where he owned any land or property other than the normal personal possessions such as household goods, horses, cattle etc. that most heads of families owned at the time.

There were no marriage records found for Jeremiah, as was the usual case for most of the people that I conducted research on for those years, due in part to court house fires, wars, floods and other reasons. It is almost certain that his marriage to Mary Scott, which was his first, took place in 1797 or early 1798 as their first child, Azariah was born in August of 1799. The written records for Azariah, by both census and family members, place his birthplace as being in Virginia, no doubt in Monongalia County. Mary Scott was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Scott of the Buffalo Creek area, located in southern Monongalia County (This area is now in Marion Co., WV.). Mary was born about 1775/76, location unknown.

The first mention of a man whom the writer believes to be our Jeremiah Hoskinson was as a chain bearer in the survey of land for James Robison on Buffalo Creek in Monongalia Co., Va. 14 Oct. 1795. This is in Survey book #5, page 323, Monongalia County, Va. land records, as follows: "14 Oct. 1795, 5000 acres surveyed for James Robison, assignee of Robert Campbell, and adjoining Henry Banks on waters of Buffalo Creek and extending to Bingamons creek and down the said creek for quantity. etc".

Jeremiah Hoskinson, Chain  
Wm Wood and James Robison, Bearers

There were two other Jeremiah's in Monongalia Co. at the time but due to our Jeremiah's age and

the location, I believe that he is the one with the greatest probability of being involved in and doing this type of work in the Buffalo Creek area. One of the other Jeremiah's was the alledged brother of Azariah Thomas. He was an older man and not likely to have been that far away from home working as a chain bearer for a Surveyor. The other Jeremiah was the son of Hugh Hoskinson and would probably have been too young at the time for such a job. Our Jeremiah was about 22 or 23 years old by then and about the right age to have been working "out" on this type of a job. Also, as the location of the survey was on Buffalo Creek and in the same area where I believe that Mary Scott lived at the time, it would seem logical that this was where she and our Jeremiah met and were later married.

The Marion Co., Va. History says that Thomas Scott owned land on Buffalo Creek as early as 1770. Lloyd Bockstruck's "Virginia's Colonial Soldiers has a chapter on "Lord Dunsmore's War 1774. In that chapter, Capt. Zachquil Morgan's roll lists many Monongalia Co.- neighbors; Prickets, Andrew Ice, Charles Snotgrass (Snodgrass), Thomas Scott, Joseph Davison and many others. Thomas was also in Monongalia County in the 1780's., but they apparently moved to the North West Territory for awhile about 1790 This would no doubt have been to Washington County, Ohio. In 1797 he and Mary returned to the Buffalo Creek area in Monongalia County and purchased 35 acres from William and Margaret Ice. In the deed it was stated that they were of the North West Territory" (Monongalia County Land Records, Bk#1, pages 264-265). I believe that at the time of their land purchase, they were returning from the North West Territory to Monongalia County to live, as another of their daughters Susannah Morgan was already living there on Buffalo creek. They then later resold this land to Ezekiel Ashcraft on 12 July 1800 (Monong.Co. Land Records Book#2 page 338-339).

No doubt Jeremiah married their daughter Mary Scott while the Scotts lived on the 35 acres. There is evidence that Thomas and Mary Scott continued to live in this area for many years after, this being that in November 1812 Thomas signed a petition for road construction along Buffalo creek. Upon examination of the petition, it appears that the Scotts then lived next door to Achilles Morgan, as did George and John Underwood. This is due to the sequential way the names were listed on the petition and in the order that the enumerator might have listed them as he rode down the road or path from cabin to cabin. Achilles Morgan was married to Susannah Scott. John Underwood later married Drusilla Morgan, a daughter of Achilles and Susannah. Thomas was also on the 1814/15 tax listings in the Western sector of Monongalia County. Also, in Court order Book #10, page 50 it is ordered that Thomas Scott, Wm Ford, Samuel Goodwin and others were to be exempt from paying County taxes and levies, dated 26 May 1829. I have believed for some time that this 1829 entry is our Thomas Scott who was apparently still alive at that time. If this is true, it might indicate that Mary Scott did not arrive in Vermilion County, Illinois until sometime in the 1830's, after Thomas's death.

In about 1800 Jeremiah and Mary moved to Newport Township in Washington County, Ohio along the banks of the Ohio River. Jeremiah was listed there on that County's tax roll for 1801 and on the 1800 census, (see page 5). He was also listed on the 1810 census records as Jeremiah Hawskins, in Grandview Township (taken on 6 June 1811) and shown as having a wife and six children. The use of Hawskins was no doubt an enumerators spelling error or an error given by a member of the family. This enumeration shows the exact number, ages and gender of the children that should have been in the family at that time. Grandview Township was later struck



The 1810 (1811) Census shows Isaiah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson and Archibald Hoskinson as also being in Grandview Township at the same time. I believe all of these men were brothers to Jeremiah. Another brother Ezekiel and a sister Sarah Martin were also in Washington County at the time. Census records all show Jeremiah to have been a farmer, as most people were at the time, but I also believe that he was engaged in another type of work along the river. Later records show him to have been a ferry boat operator, so it is quite possible that he was also engaged in some type of river business in his early years in Washington County, Ohio. River boating was one of the growing enterprises in the area at the time and the opportunities in it were great. In view of this there may have been some connection between our Jeremiah and his uncle "Jeremiah" back in Monongalia county, as some records there indicate that uncle Jeremiah owned and ran a saw mill and built, at least, some riverboats. Also a son of uncle Jeremiah's, Isaac E. Hoskinson, lived just across the river from our Jeremiah and their families seemed to have had a considerable amount of interaction together in later years.



According to the Washington County, Ohio Court records Jeremiah was again summoned to serve on the Grand Jury on 7 December 1812, but failed to do SO. The record for this is as follows and should be noted that the shorter version of Hoskins was, at times, already being used:

WASHINGTON CO., OHIO COURT COMMON PLEAS Journal Bk #2 Page 37 LDS Film 963502. 7 December 1812

The following named persons (Viz) Jeremiah Hoskins and William Perkins were severally summoned to attend this Court as Grand Jurors at the present term, were summarily called but came not. Ordered by the Court that their default be recorded.

WASHINGTON CO., OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS April Term 1813 Page 229.  
Record of 1812-1814. STATE OF OHIO Vs JEREMIAH HOSKINS: Upon Writ of Scire Facias for Nonattendance on the Court as a Grand Juror on the December 1812 Term. And now at this time to wit at the April Term of said Court of Common Pleas Anno Domino 1813 before the said Judge held. For reasons appearing to the Court, ordered that the suit be dismissed. Examined. MstrBk ResBk 19, Page #4 and page #20 Athens Ohio 9/11/89

Washington Co., Ohio Court Common Pleas Book#2 Page 68 LDS 963502  
Wednesday April 14th 1813. State of Ohio Vs Jeremiah Hoskins: Scire facias for non-attendance as a Grand Juror. Discontinued by the Court.  
MstrB, ResBk 19, Page #4.

I have always believed that Jeremiah's wife Mary must have died at or soon after the birth of her last child Susannah, who was born on 6 March 1813 in Grandview Twsp. This impending birth may have had something to do with the fact that Jeremiah did not appear for Grand Jury duty at Marietta, Ohio in December 1812. Mary may have been ill and Jeremiah may have felt that he could not leave home for any period of time because of this. Also, there was the need to provide for his children at the time. This trip would have taken him away from home for a considerable length of time as it was about 40 miles downriver to the Marietta Court. This would have made it impossible for him to have returned home each night from such a great distance, leaving his children alone. Whatever the situation, Mary must have died some time in 1813, because all 7 of her children were later taken to Monongalia Co., Va. in February of 1814 and bonded to their Grandfather Thomas Scott until they become of age. This is proven by the Court Order that is outlined below. This order also lists the children as Hoskinson, proving that our name at one time was Hoskinson and not the shorter version of Hoskins, as it is now used. The Court Order is as written below:

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COUNTY COURT Book #5, page 246, 14 February 1814. Ordered that Erariah Hoskinson aged 14 years, Elza Hoskinson age 12 years, Levina Hoskinson 10 years, Synthia Hoskinson 8 years, Jannie Hoskinson 6 years, Mary Hoskinson 4 years, and Susannah Hoskinson 1 year be bound to Thomas Scott, the males until they arrive to the age of 21 years and the females until they arrive to the age of 18 years and that William Wilkey perfect the indentures. See page 7. MstrBk Hs2

The writer searched the records into later years to determine how long this bond remained in effect, but nothing further was found. It is a proven fact that Susannah, who was the youngest child, was taken by her uncle and aunt, Achilles and Susannah Scott Morgan, who were then living on Buffalo Creek, and raised to adulthood. The other 6 children remained together, probably with their grandparents, the Scotts, until they all migrated together with the Morgans to the Helts Prairie area in Vigo County Indiana in 1820, they then moved into Edgar County, Illinois in 1821, which that part of later became Vermilion County in 1827.

After Mary's death Jeremiah continued to live on in Washington County, Ohio as he was listed there in the Grandview Townships poll book as follows:

POLL A BOOK Grandview Twsp 11 Oct. 1814  
Phil. B. Stewart  
Jeremiah Hoskinson  
Azariah Hoskinson  
Peter Witten  
Arthur Scott  
Thomas Scott  
Alexander Scott

There has been some question by others as to where Jeremiahs children by Mary Scott were born. The oldest, Azariah is reported to have been born in Virginia. Elza, the second child was born in Newport Township, Washington County, Ohio. I believe that the five remaining girls were born in Grandview Township, Washington County, Ohio. The fact that the Counties and Townships were still being formed in the area has contributed too much of the confusion as to where Jeremiahs family lived at the time of the children's births. In reality the family did not move, it was the townships and Counties that changed. Circumstantial evidence seems to indicate that throughout all of this time Jeremiah lived in the Northeast corner of Grandview Township, in Washington County. This was very close to the old line with Belmont County and somewhere along the river in an area between what are now the towns of Duffy and Sardis in Monroe County.

Outlined below is a brief explanation of how and when Belmont was formed in relation to Washington County. "On 7 September 1801, according to CHASE, Statutes of Ohio, III, p. 2098, Belmont County was formed; beginning on the Ohio, at the middle of T4, R2, in the 7 Ranges, with the line between the 3rd and 4th sections of that township north, to the west boundary of the said 7 Ranges; south with said west boundary to the middle of T5, R7; east with the line between the 3rd and 4th sections of T5, to the Ohio River, with The Ohio to the place of beginning". When a straight line east to the Ohio River is drawn from between sections 3 and 4 of T5, R7 as directed above, this reaches the river at a point just north of the line between sections 21 and 22 of T1, Range 3. This line then constituted the boundary line between Belmont on the North and Washington Co., on the South at that time.

Monroe County was formed when the act of January 29, 1813 was passed. Prior to that time the Washington County line ran up the Ohio river to a point between sections 21 and 22 of Township 1, Range #3, with Belmont on the North and Washington on the South. When Monroe



was formed it took in the South Eastern part of the "then" Belmont County, then came on down into Washington County absorbing the northeast portion of Granview Township where Jeremiah was then living. Although the act of 1813 established Monroe County, it did not take effect until the final act of 3 February 1815, which then organized the new county into its own right. It was only after the 3 of February 1815 that Jeremiah becomes a resident of the new Monroe County.

Listed below are the children of Jeremiah and Mary Scott Hoskinson, along with a brief outline of their lives and family:

**1. Azariah Hoskins/Hoskinson** b.17 August 1799 presumably in MonongaliaCo. Va. and died in Stearns Co. Minnesota on 19 March 1874. As Azariah is #5 in the Hoskins family tree, data on his life will appear in the #5 section.

**2. Elza Hoskins/Hoskinson** b. 13 August 1801 in Newport Township, Washington Co., Ohio. d. 15 April 1878 Crescent City, Iowa. Married: 12 October 1824 to Mary Hall in Edgar Co. Ill. (later became Vermilion Co.) Mary was the daughter of William and Anna Copeland Hall from Tennessee.

Children of Elza Hoskins/Hoskinson b. 13 August 1801 and Mary Hall

Oliver Cromwell b.17 May 1827, d. 30 May 1909. M/Lucinda Howell, 18 May 1846, Iowa.

Ch: Josiah b. 28 April 1849 d. 15 May 1933 M. Charlotte Loretta Tish 25 Feb. 1875

Jane Ann b. 11 Feb. 1851 d. 20 Oct. 1938 M. Enoch Harris, 31 Dec. 1866

Emma b. 18 Jan. 1853 d. 7 Sept. 1927 M. Joseph Henry Alford  
27 Feb. 1866

Theodore Andrew b. 28 July 1856 d. 8 July 1865

Oliver Cromwell b.17 May 1827, M/#2 Ellen Evans Jones, 27 June 1871, in the Order of  
Celestial Marriage. b. 29 Aug. 1850  
d. 19 Jan. 1925

Ch: Thomas Elza b. 10 Aug 1875 d. 10 Aug. 1875

Lorenzo Ezra b. 10 Aug. 1876 d. 24 Feb. 1963 M#1. Minnie Logan 19 April 1899. M#2. Clara  
Kemp 21 Dec. 1910

Mary Lucinda b. 22 Aug 1878 d. 1 July 1969 M. Joseph Edward Gibbs 11 Oct. 1898

Richard Smith b. 18 Jan 1881 d. 18 July 1943 M. Ladetha Parkinson 21 Dec. 1910

Elijah b. 9 Sept 1882 d. 9 Sept 1882

David Marion b. 9 Sept. 1883 d. 24 Aug. 1959 M. Mary Elva Morris 28 Aug. 1914 M. #2  
Cynthia Halford 19 Aug. 1959

Racheal Leona b. 12 Sept 1855

Lavina M/Patterson Moss 5 March 1846

Isham M/Polly Ann Goodner

Elizabeth Ann M/Benj. J. Harding 1859.

Elza came into Edger (Vermilion Co. Ill.) from Vigo Co., Indiana with his brother Azariah Hoskins and their five sisters in about 1821. He and Azariah together purchased 80 acres of land from the U.S. Government, built cabins and established their homes there in 1824. This was on Section #1, T17N R12W near Georgetown, in what is now Vermilion County, Illinois.

From 23 May until 23 June, 1832, Elza participated in the Black Hawk war against the Sauk and Fox Indians under Captain J. M. Gillespie, from Danville, Vermilion Co. Ill. Later, on 10 Feb. 1852 in Garden Grove, Decatur Co., Iowa, Elza applied for land bounty warrant under an act of Congress for his services. From this, he eventually received Certificate No. 61737 for 40 acres of Iowa land.

On 16 November 1830, Azariah and Elza sold their land and went their separate ways. Elza purchased more land near Georgetown and Azariah moved to 40 acres in section #1 T20N, R12W north of Danville, in Vermilion Co. Ill.

Elza and Mary Hall Hoskins had 4 children, Oliver Cromwell, b.17 May 1827, Lavina, b. Dec. 1829, Isham, b. 9 June 1835 and Elizabeth Ann, b. 4 Dec.1836. Oliver C. married Lucinda Howell, 18 May 1846 in Iowa, Joined Mormon church in Decatur Co. Iowa in 1851, moved to Utah in 1862 by wagon train and lived the rest of his life working there in the Mormon Church. Some of the records that he kept still exist, which include some genealogical listings of his family and the names of some of the related people in his life, the names of which he jotted down in his journal dated 1869 in Utah.

In 1839, the families of Elza Hoskins, Elijah B. and Mary Hoskins Hale, Elijah and Cynthia Hoskins Hall, Jesse and Jane Hoskins Moss, the Copelands and other Hall families moved from Vermilion County, Illinois according to the 1840 census records, to Van Buren Co. Missouri, later they were at Garden Grove in Decatur Co. Iowa. In the 1860's Elza and Mary moved on to Crescent City, in Pottawattamie Co. Iowa. Elza and Mary died there, Elza on 13 April 1878 and Mary 22 March 1887.

**3. Lovina Hoskins/Hoskinson Swisher** Twsp. Washington, Co. Illinois Ca. b.1803 in Grandview Co. Ohio. d. Vermilion 1864.

Married: Samuel Swisher, 13 July 1826 Edgar Co.(which later became Vermilion Co. Ill.) Illinois. Samuel, b. Guilford Co., N. C. 24 April 1804, S/O John. d.1880/85 in Stearns County Minnesota. Samuel was first Cousin to Sarah Swisher, b. N.C. who married Azariah Hoskins, 1 Feb. 1829 D/O George and Elizabeth Goodner Swisher of Guilfrd Co., N. C.

Samuel and Lovina had 8 children including two who died young. Their living children were: Azariah, Elvira, Cynthia, Winnie, Wilson C., and J. Herman.

**4. Cynthia Hoskins/Hoskinson Hall** b. 6 Dec.1806 in Grandview Twsp, Washington Co., Ohio. d. 7 June 1886, Pottawattamie Co. Iowa. Married: Elijah Hall 27 July 1824 in Edgar Co. Ill. (later became Vermilion County). Elijah was son of Wm. and Anna Copeland Hall Born 31 Oct. 1803, Tenn. Writer does not have information data on the children in this family.

**5. Jane Ione Hoskins/Hoskinson Moss** b.1807 in Grandview Twsp, Washington Co., Ohio. d. 184- Bates Co., Missouri. Married: Jesse Moss, 5 May 1828 Vermilion County, Illinois. (Janes Age certified for her marriage license by her brother-in-law Samuel Swisher, in Danville, Ill.). Jesse Moss was from Ohio.

The known children in this family were: Riley b.1834, Elijah b.1832, Jacob b.1836, Azariah b.1838, Elza b. 1840.

**6. Mary Hoskins/Hoskinson Hale** b. 20 Aug. 1810, Grandview Twsp., Washington Co., Ohio. d. 6 March 1896 in Crescent City, Iowa. Married: Elijah Bowen Hale, 3 Aug. 1828, b. 16 Sept. 1806. Her age certified by her brother Elza Hoskins for her marriage license, at Danville in Vermilion Co., Ill. Elijah was son of Joseph and Jane Bowen Hale. Children: Elza b.1828, John b. 1830, Jane b. 20 Nov. 1832, Cinthia Ann b.1834, Lovina b. 5 June 1836, Polly Ann b. 1838, Rose Ann b, 1840, Martin Van Buren b. 22 Feb. 1841, Elijah Dotson, b. 20 June 1844, Solomon Mckinny b. 20 June 1844, Alexander Campbell b. 24 'August 1850, Almira b. 9 Feb., 1853.

**7. Susannah Hoskinson Morgan** b. 6 March 1813, Grandview Twsp. Washington Co., Ohio. Married: Josiah Morgan, 24 March 1833 Danville, Vermilion Co. Illinois. Josiah was born in Monongalia Co., Va. Ca 1802, the son of Uriah and Sarah Prickett Morgan of Tyler Co., Va. Susannahs age was certified on her marriage affidavit by her uncle Achilles Morgan and his son Thomas Scott Morgan when she obtained her marriage license. Achilles indicated that he and Morgan had raised her and that she had no parents). Susannah is the only one of Jeremiah Hoskinson's children that retained the full Hoskinson name until she was married. All of the other children dropped the .. on" from their name about the time that they migrated to Indiana and Illinois in 1820/21. The children that the writer has record of for Josiah and Susannah Hoskinson Morgan are: Uriah b.1834, Washford b. 1838, Nancey E. b.1840, Phillana (Philene) b. 1842, Zadock T. b. 1845, Josiah b. 1850, Welcome J. b. 1853, Henry Rockwell b.1854. All were born Vermilion Co., Ill. except Josiah, Welcome J, and Henry Rockwell, who were born in or near Garden Grove, Decatur Co., Iowa.



There seems to be some questions and mystery surrounding Jeremiah's life after Mary Scott Hoskinson died. One question being, why he sent all of his children, by Mary, to Monongalia County Va. and bond them to her parents in February 1814, never taking them back with him. They no doubt lived with the Scotts until they moved to Illinois with the Morgans because there seems to be no further mention of them after their 1814 bonding to Thomas Scott. In Beckwith's 1879 History of Vermilion Co. Illinois, page 563 it is stated that (in about 1821) "Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bocke and the Hoskins Children had come, none of whom remained here". This was referring to the circumstances and the time period when they arrived in Elwood Township near Georgetown, Illinois with the Morgans and George Bocke (Bocke was son-in-law to Achilles Morgan). The writer has never found any evidence that there was any further contact between these children and their father after they were bonded to Thomas Scott. Jeremiah remarried and had 5 or 6 more children, none of whom seemed to have had any or very little contact with their older siblings at any later date.

Circumstantial evidence points to the fact that Jeremiah remarried to Frances Scott soon after Mary died. Again, probably due to known Court House fires, no marriage records have been found. Also, I have never found any records that indicate Mary and Frances were related. Frances was the daughter of Stephen Scott Sr. of Monroe County, Ohio. This Scott family was from Williamstown, Massachusetts and Frances is believed to have been born there in about 1795/96. From Williamstown they moved to Ohio Co. Va. in the late 1790's, that part later became Tyler County, Va. From there they moved across the river into Newport Township, Washington County, Ohio. Stephen Senior opened and operated an Inn or Tavern there, along the Ohio River for many years until his death in 1822. This was located on a 170 acre tract that Stephen had purchased in Section 21, T-1, R-3. This part later became Ohio Township, in Monroe County. Jeremiah and Frances always seemed to have remained in the same vicinity near Stephen Senior. The 1820 Census listings seem to indicate that Jeremiah was either living with or next door to Stephen Senior at that time. I also believe that Jeremiah may have at times helped Stephen in the operation of the Inn, as well as operating a ferry boat across the river near there. If this is true, the Ohio side Ferry landing was probably located close to Stephens Inn allowing the two businesses to complement one another. From the circumstantial evidence that is available I believe this Inn would have been located just south of the present day town of Duffy in Monroe County where Stephen lived. On 9 June 1806 Stephen submitted a petition requesting a license to open and operate a tavern or house of entertainment at his house in Grandview Township, Washington County, Ohio. This petition was approved by the Court and a license issued. It was also signed and vouched for by a number of his neighbors from Grandview Township. This original petition is now in the historical records section, for Washington County, at the University of Ohio Library, Athens, Ohio.

After extensive research in Monroe County, Ohio and Tyler County, Va. it is obvious that Jeremiah's family associations extended into both Counties as well as back into Monongalia County, Va. He had, whom I believe to have been, a first cousin, living on the East Bank of the river a short distance above the mouth of Fishing Creek in Tyler County. This was Isaac E. Hoskinson, son of uncle Jeremiah. Also, there were other relatives, friends and associates then living in Tyler County, such as Stephen Scott Jr. the Delashmutts, Martins, Uriah and Josiah Morgan, along with several other Morgans from the Buffalo Creek area in Monongalia County, Va.

There were other family ties between Stephen Scott Seniors family and the Hoskinsons, other than Jeremiah. Stephen Scott Jr. a son of Stephen Senior was first married to Hannah Wilson daughter of Humphry Beckett and Jane Hoskinson Wilson of Monongalia County. Jane was a sister to Jeremiah. This is proven in a document to clear a land deed to John Knox from the heirs of Humphry B. Wilson on 22 April 1820 in the Monongalia County land records. Also, two other sons of Stephen Scott Sr., John and James Scott were married to a Nancy and Rachel Wilson. The writer has no proof that these girls were the daughters of Humphry and Jane Wilson, but Humphry and Jane had two daughters named Nancy and Rachel. It would seem that this is more than a coincidence, since it is proven that Stephen Jr. had first married Hannah Wilson. Stephen Jr. and Hannah lived on Elk Fork Creek in Tyler County, Va. at that time. Later, on 2 April 1821 Stephen Sr. sold 100 acres to Stephen Jr. on Elk Fork Creek in Tyler County. Then on 8 June 1835, Stephen Jr. and Naomi (McCardle) Scott sold this same 100 acre tract of land to Isaac E. Hoskinson, indicating that Hannah had died and Stephen Jr. had remarried.

Frances Scott Hoskinson had 6 children, the oldest; Melissa may or may not have been Jeremiah's. As mentioned earlier, her birth date was very close to or overlapped that of Susannah Hoskinson Morgan, leaving the question open as to whether Frances had been married prior to Jeremiah or not. The birth dates of the other children seem to run from 1815 to 1828 with Calvin being the youngest. The 1830 Monroe County, Ohio census shows Frances as having 6 children with her, with the youngest, a male being under 5. The 1860 Mahaska Co., Iowa census shows him (Calvin) to have been born in 1828 which would have been just prior to, or just after Jeremiah death in May or June of 1828.

Later in 1847, a Charles Wells filed a case in Chancery Court of Monroe County, Ohio to clear the title of some of the land previously owned by Stephen Scott Sr. This is shown below and lists some of Stephens heirs, including some, but not all of Frances Hoskins children. By this date it is believed that Frances had died and her children were in Illinois or Iowa. The case filing is as follows:

MONROE COUNTY, OHIO Court Appearance Docket No.8 Court of Common Pleas. Page 91, October Term 1846. Bill in Chancery to quiet title. Filed Oct. 31, 1846. Charles Wells Vs Samuel Stokley, Isaiah Steen, Elizabeth Scott, Stephen Scott, James Scott, John Scott, Sarah Stewart and unknown heirs of Philander B. Stewart, Deceased; Frances Hoskins, Sarah

Hoskins, Malissa Delashmutt and Butler, her husband; Elizabeth Bailey and Isaac, her husband, Mary Carr and Elisha, her husband, being the heirs at law and legal representatives of Stephen Scott, deceased, late of Monroe Co., and the heirs of Earl Sproat, deceased, whose names are unknown to the complainant and heirs at law of James Johnston, whose names are unknown to complainant.

Noted below is another entry covering the same case to clear the land title, as shown:

MONROE CO., OHIO CHANCERY COURT Vol.#3 Pg-51 March 6, 1847

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On 19 March 1818 a suit was filed in Tyler County, Va. Superior Court against Isaac E. Hoskinson for debt owed to Robert C. Scott. Isaac owed the considerable debt of \$1500.00 to Scott for general store merchandise that he had not paid for. One can easily conclude from the type of merchandise involved, that Isaac had been operating a General store. Also introduced into the case was a list of customers that still owed debt to Isaac, a partial listing is shown below. The store was no doubt located on the east shore of the Ohio River where Isaac lived, which was near the mouth of Fishing Creek, just across the river from Stephen Scotts Tavern. This location would have made it fairly convenient to most of the people shown on the debt list:

Abner Martin (M/Sarah Hoskinson, sister of Jeremiah)  
Jeremiah Hoskinson, John Camp (Camps lived next to Isaiah/Azariah in Monongalia County.),  
Stephen Scott, Sampson Thistle, John Watton, Joseph Witten, James Jollif, Joseph Watton,  
David Morgan, Abraham and Presley Martin, Stephen Camp, Lucy of P. Martin, Arthur Scott,



Winny of P. Martin, Wm of Jeremiah Williams, Lucy Riggs, Morgan Morgan (of Buffalo Creek Morgans), John Watkins, Harry of Presly Martin, Others

Later in 1820 Jeremiah was summoned to give a deposition in a case involving his brother Ezekiel and Josiah Thomas. This suit was brought by Thomas in Tyler County, Virginia Court because that is where he lived at the time that Ezekiel made a deal to purchase a horse from him. In about February 1819 Ezekiel and Josiah Thomas were at the “then residence of Jeremiah” when Ezekiel promised to purchase the horse. The horse turned out to be unsound and Ezekiel refused to pay.

The case was pursued from 1819 into 1820 and several depositions were taken in both Tyler and Monroe Counties from various witnesses.

Some of the people involved in the law suit were:

Ezekiel Hoskinson, Josiah Thomas, Stephen Scott, William Delashmutt, William Thomas, Mary Delashmutt, Azariah Hoskinson (JP-Monroe Co.), Charles Wells, Isaac Ice, James Hisson, William Wells, Isaac Baily (JP-Monroe Co.), Abner Martin, Van B. Delashmutt

The deposition taken from Jeremiah Hoskinson for this trial is as follows:

Tyler County, Va. Court Records Book #4 LDS 0216727

6 March 1820 the COMMONWEALTH of VA. To Isaac Baily Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in the state of Ohio. GREETINGS:

Know you that we, trusting to your fidelity and provident circumspection in diligently examining JEREMIAH HOSKINSON and JAMES HISSON, witnesses on behalf of Ezekiel Hoskinson in his defense against Josiah Thomas in a suit now depending in our County Court of Tyler held at Middlebourne between the aforesaid parties. Command you that on such certain day and place as you shall appoint, you cause the witnesses aforesaid to come before you and diligently examine on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and their examination so taken into our said Court distinctly and plainly without delay you send and certify in closed returning also to us this writ.

Witness: Abraham Brickhead Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse aforesaid, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1820. A.L. Brickhead Clerk, Tyler County

DEPOSITION: Tyler Co., Va. Court Records Box #4, LDS 01216727

9 March 1820

THE STATE OF OHIO, Monroe Co. Personally came JEREMIAH HOSKINSON after duly being sworn according to law. Deposith and saith that at the time Josiah Thomas sold Ezekail Hoskinson the horse which is in dispute between said Thomas and Hoskinson the said Thomas was at the then house of the deponent and in a conversation between him the deponent and the

said Thomas the said Thomas said he had made a great bargain wheras he the said Thomas first got the said horse he the said J. Thomas said also that people generally thought the horse would never be cured but of a disorder he had in his legs, but he was not convinced, he thought he could cure him by applying laurels for he believed that it was nothing more than the (scratches) searches? And further the deponent saith not.

	His
Witt A. West	Jeremiah X Hoskinson
P.B. Stewart	Mark

Personally came Jeremiah Hoskinson who made solemn oath that the above deposition contained the whole truth and nothing but the truth, whereunto I set my hand and seal 9 March 1820

Isaac Baily  
Justice of the Peace, Ohio Twsp., Monroe Co., Ohio

For some time in my research I have believed that Jeremiah and his family may have lived across the river in Tyler County, Virginia for a short time in about 1818/19. Jeremiah's statement in his deposition that Ezekiel and Josiah Thomas made the horse deal at his "then house", might lend weight to my theory, suggesting that at the time of the deposition he was living at a different location. Another Deponent, William Thomas stated that he was also present when the deal was made and that it was about the first of February 1819. WM Thomas also mentioned that Ezekiel had been boarding at his house awhile before the deal was made. Also to help support this , Josie Henkel Hoskinson of Norman . Oklahoma mentions in her genealogy of Thomas Bowman Hoskinson, son of Jeremiah, that he claimed he was born in Virginia on 1 Jan 1819. If it is true that Jeremiah did live on the East side of the river it would have been only for as short time, because, according to the records, he was back in Monroe County by the spring of 1819 and remained there thereafter.

Later on 15 September 1822 Stephen Scott Sr. died interstate in Monroe Co., Ohio. On 22 November 1822 his son-in-law, Philander B. Stewart was appointed Administrator of his estate. Stewart was married to Stephen Scott Sr.'s daughter Sarah on 28 May (or 10 Jun) 1801 in Washington County, Ohio. The children of Stephen Scott Sr. and Elizabeth Cook Mygatt are as follows:

Sarah	<i>who married Philander B Stewart on 10 Jun 1801</i>
Polly	<i>who married Elisha Carr died cass Co., Ill</i>
Ira	<i>Unknown spouse</i>
Fanny	<i>(Frances) married Jeremiah Hoskinson</i>
Betsy	<i>married Isaac Bailey</i>
John	<i>married Nancy Wilson</i>
James	<i>married Rachel Wilson</i>
Stephen Jr.	<i>married #1 Hannah Wilson, #2 Naomi McCardle</i>

The next mention of Jeremiah Hoskinson was in 1824 when he and Isaac Bailey were appointed administrators for the estate of Philander B. Stewart. Stewart died in a drowning accident while intoxicated when his canoe overturned while returning from a party across the river on the night of 1 May 1824. (this reported in the Monroe Co. Navigator of the OGS 1990, Monroe Co., Ohio)  
The Court appointed it as follows:

MONROE COUNTY, OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Bk V-1 Pg 52

September Term 1824 LDS Film 0505938

Friday 10th September 1824. Upon application the Court do appoint Isaac Bailey and Jeremiah Hoskinson Administrators over the goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of Philander B. Stewart late of Monroe County Deceased upon their entering into Bond in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars conditioned for the performance of this trust, and Peter Witten, John Cole and Cornelius Okey being offered were accepted by the Court at the Security aforesaid Administrators and the Court do appoint Jacob Barr, James Witten and John Bridgemans appraisers of the goods and Chattels of said Estate.

Mstr Bk ResBk #18, Page 11

It should be noted that Jeremiah Hoskinson, Philander B. Stewart and Isaac Bailey (JP) were all married to daughters of Stephen Scott Senior. Jeremiah to Frances Scott, Philander Stewart to Sarah Scott and Isaac Bailey to Betsy Scott. Jeremiah Hoskinson and Isaac Bailey were in and out of Court several times in the next few years while involved in the administration of Stewart's estate. Jeremiah died in 1828 before it was completed.

Jeremiah Hoskinson appeared on the 1826 and 1827 tax record for Ohio Township, Monroe County, Ohio as follows:

MONROE CO., OHIO Personal Tax, OHIO TWSP, Vol.940 1826-1827

LDS Film 0533230 Tax Book

1826 No.11 Range #3 Town 1&2 to Range #4 Town 2&3

Baily, Isaac 2 horses 2 Cattle

Hoskinson, Jeremiah 2 Horses 2 Cattle 104 Value

Scott, Elizabeth R-3 T-1 Fract. 51 Acres 167

Van Camp, Stephen 2 Horses 4 Cattle 112 Value

1827 OHIO TOWNSHIP

Scott, Elizabeth	R-3 T-1	Fractional 51 acres (Wid of Stephen)	
Delashmutt, Van	1 Horse		
Hoskins, Jeremiah	2 Horses	2 Cattle	V-96
Martin, Abner	1 Horse	1 Cattle	
Van Camp, Stephen	2 Horses	4 Cattle	
Van Camp, Samuel	1 Horse		

MstrBk

In the spring of 1828 (probably May or June) Jeremiah died and his brother Azariah Hoskinson was appointed his administrator. My research never disclosed how Jeremiah died or where he was buried. Court record notations regarding the administration of his estate are noted as follows:

MONROE COUNTY, OHIO COURT Of Common Pleas Bk #V-1 Page-163 June Term 1828

19 June 1828, Upon application it was ordered that Azariah Hoskinson be appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels of Jeremiah Hoskinson late deceased, on his entering bond in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars conditioned for the faithful discharge of this trust and Peter Witten and Samuel J. Borff being offered as accepted as such security and Samuel McBride, Isaac Baily and John Neff was appointed appraisers to appraise the personal estate. ( Real estate was noted then marked through)

MstrBk ResBk#18 Page-18

MONROE CO., OHIO Court Common Pleas Book V-1, Page 232

24 June 1830 LDS Film 0505938

On motion of George W. Thompson Esquire the Court Order that the further time until the next term of the Court be to the Administrator of Jeremiah Hoskinson Decsd. to make final settlement.

MstrBk

MONROE CO., OHIO Court Common Pleas Bk# V-1 Page 254  
Wed. 30 March 1831. Journal LDS Film 0505938

Upon application it is ordered that further time until the next Court Te be allowed unto Azariah Hoskinson to settle the account of the Estate Jeremiah Hoskinson Decsd. MstrBk ResBk #18, Page 27.

The above is the final court entries find all Of the remaining data that I could locate in the Monroe County, Ohio records up to 1840 pertaining to Jeremiahs Estate settlement. Frances Hoskinson died in Cass County Illinois 3 June 1837. Their son Thomas B. Hoskinson went to Texas and his other children by Frances went to Mahaska County, Iowa.



## **The children of Jeremiah and Frances (Fanny) Scott Hoskinson**

All of the children of the children of Jeremiah and Frances Scott migrated to Iowa in the 1850's, except Thomas Bowman Hoskinson, who went to Texas, probably in the 1840's. (Thomas did not change his Surname.) All of Jeremiah and Mary Scott Hoskinson's children shortened their name from Hoskinson to Hoskins about the time they migrated to Illinois.

MELISSA HOSKINSON DELASHMUTT b. 12 Mar 1813 Monroe, Ohio. Died 1880/90 in Mahaska County, Iowa. Married: Butler B. Delashmutt, C1830 He was born 30 Apr 1809, son of Wm and Mary Delashmutt, Ohio County, Va. d. 29 Feb. 1884 Mahaska Co. Iowa. As mentioned earlier there is some question as to whether Melissa was daughter of Jeremiah, as her age is nearly that of Susannah. Susannah's birth date is proven. It is possible that Fanny Scott may have been married prior to Jeremiah. No record of this has been found, Oliver C. Hoskins lists Melissa as being a Hoskins with Jeremiah's family.

JOSEPH W. HOSKINSON b. Ca 1815 Ohio, d. 1880/90 probably Mahaska co., Iowa. Marriage: Appeared to have never been married. Was living with his brother Scott Hoskinson in Mahaska Co. Iowa on 1860 Census at 45 years of age. Was also there on 1880 census at 65 years of age. Shown a single man.

THOMAS B. HOSKINSON b. 1 Jan. 1819 Va., d. 7 July 1907 in Texas. Married: Mary Ann Johnson 1847 in Texas. Data from Josie Viser Henkel Hoskinson book on Thomas Bowman Hoskinson of Texas, 1970).

SCOTT HOSKINSON b. Ca. 1821 Monroe Co., Ohio, d. 24 March 1890 Iowa. Married: Sarah Isabella Blair. Lived Mahaska Co., Iowa, shown there on 1860 and 1880 Census. Children: Joseph W., Melissa J., Evaline, Jenny, Fred, James, Edward, Calvin, Wilie, Wilbur, Albert, Harley, and Francis H.

SARAH HOSKINSON STEVENS b. 26 Sept. 1824 Mon. Co. Ohio. d. 14 Sept. 1901 Clearwater/Antelope, Nebraska Married: Elias Stevens, 5 September 1845. Lived Mahaska Co., Iowa 1860. Children: Olive M., Calvin, Ada Bell.

CALVIN HOSKINSON b. Ca. d. ... 1828 Monroe Co., Ohio Married: Wanna ... Lived Mahaska Co., Iowa in 1860. Children: Adeline, Butler.

In 1869 Oliver C. Hoskins (Utah), named all 13 of the above children as children of Jeremiah in his journal. In the 1830 Ohio Twsp. Monroe Co., Census, Frances (Fanny) Hoskinson was listed as having 6 children, 1M under 5, 1M 5-10, 2M 10-15, 1F 5-10, 1F 15-20 and 1F 30-40.



(Picture Left is Oliver Cromwell Hoskins)

As mentioned earlier in the Azariah Thomas Hoskinson section, Oliver C. Hoskins was the oldest son of Elza Hoskins, who was the second son of Jeremiah Hoskinson and a brother of Azariah Hoskins of Vermilion County, Illinois. Oliver was born 17 May 1827 in Vermilion County, Illinois and married Lucinda Howell in Iowa in 1846. Later, in 1851 he joined the Mormon Church in Iowa. In 1862 he and Lucinda moved by wagon train to South Cottonwood, Utah from Iowa. Oliver became an elder of the Portage Branch of the Church and was later made Bishop of the Portage Ward. In 1869 Oliver listed in his note journal many members of the families that he was related to, these included relatives of his father, mother, wife and many others. In his father's family he listed Jeremiah and Mary Hoskins, as well as Thomas and Mary Scott. He also listed under Jeremiah and Mary the names of their children: Azariah, Elza, Lovina, Cynthia, Jane, Mary and Susannah. Under the names of Thomas and Mary Scott were also noted the names of Susannah Scott and Achilles Morgan her husband.

Oliver C. also listed under Jeremiah and Mary's family those of Jeremiah's second family; Melissa Hoskins b. 1812 Ohio, Joseph Hoskins b. 1814 Ohio, Thomas Hoskins b. 1816 Ohio, Sarah Hoskins b. 1818 Ohio, Scott Hoskins b. 1820 Ohio and Calvin Hoskins b. 1819. With these children he also listed his "Step Gran Mother, Fanny Scott born about the year 1776" (her birth location was illegible but could have been Mass). Some of the birth dates that he gave, with the exception of Melissa and Joseph are not consistent with those of census and other records.

Oliver also noted the names of some of his "Gran fathers brothers as; Isaiah, Jonathon, Azariah, Ezekiel and Archibald". He also listed Sarah and Jane Hoskins, two of his Gran Fathers sisters along with the listing of the brothers. The above people are all part of the family of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson. Oliver's younger years overlapped the lives of many of the people listed and this no doubt allowed him to become well acquainted with his uncles and aunts while in Vermilion County, Illinois. I am sure that from this he no doubt learned much about the Hoskins/Hoskinson background, as they all had come directly from Monroe County, Ohio and Tyler and Monongalia Counties, Virginia. In view of this, I believe there can be no doubt about their correctness, in that he must have known a considerable amount about those included in his genealogical listing.

This ends the summary of Jeremiah Hoskinson and his two families.

Courtesy of Robert J. Hoskins of N.C.

# Fifth Generation

## Azariah Thomas Hoskinson

### Time Line of History during Azariah Thomas Hoskinson's Life

1740/1743 – 1793

Date	Event	Azariah's Age
1740-1743	<b>Azariah Thomas Hoskinson born <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	Aprox
1754-1763	French Indian War	abt 12-21
1752	Benjamin Franklin invents the lightning rod	abt 10
1768-1780	Azariah marries Mary in Prince George County, Maryland	abt 26
1773	Boston Tea Party	abt 31
1775-1783	American Revolutionary War against the British	abt 33
1775	<b>Mary and Azariah have a 3rd Son Jerimiah H Hoskinson <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	abt 33
1778	France Joins the war against Britain	abt 36
1786	The Dollar is adopted	abt 44
1787	Constitution is approved by the constitutional congress	abt 45
1788	States begin to enter the Union	abt 46
1789-1796	George Washington selected 1st President	abt 47
1791	Bill of Rights adopted	abt 49
1792	Kentucky enters the Union	abt 50
1793	<b>Azariah died in Monongalia County Virginia</b>	abt 51

# Fifth Generation

## Family Group Record for Azariah Thomas Hoskinson

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Azariah Thomas Hoskinson</b>			
Born	Abt 1740-1742	, Prince George, Maryland, USA		
Died	Abt 1793	, Monongalia, Virginia, USA		
Buried				
Father	James Hoskinson (Abt 1710-1796)		Mother	Elizabeth (      -      )
Marriage	Abt 1768-1770	Prince George, Co. Md.		
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Mary</b>			
Born	1755	Monongolia County, , , Virginia, USA		
Died	Abt 1824	Monogalia Co., Va.		
Buried				
<b>Children</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1776	, Berkley, Virginia, USA		
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Elizabeth Tennant (      -      )		17 Mar 1803 - , Monongalia, Virginia, USA	
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Jonathan Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1770-1771	Prince George, Co. Md.		
Died		Ohio, USA		
Buried				
Spouse				
<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Jeremiah H Hoskinson</b>		
Born	1775	, (Ca.) Berkley, Virginia, USA		
Died	1827	, Monroe, Ohio, USA		
Buried		Sardis, Ohio, USA		
Spouse	Mary Scott (1781-1811)		1797 - Monongalia, Marion, Virginia, USA	
Spouse	Frances Fanny Delashman Scott (1790-		) Est 1812 - <, , Ohio>	
<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Azariah Hoskinson</b>		
Born				
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Jane H. Knight (Abt 1790-1850)		1805 - Monogolia, , , Virginia, USA	
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Ezekial Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1785			
Died	19 Feb 1873	Lee Township, Monroe , Ohio, USA		
Buried				
Spouse	Mary Baldwin (      -      )		6 Dec 1803 - Monogalia Co., Va.	
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sarah Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1786	Monogalia Co., Va.		
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Abner Martin (      -      )		14 Mar 1803 - , Washington , Ohio, USA	
<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Archibald Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1790	Monogalia Co., Ohio, USA		
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Nancy Knight (      -      )		Abt 1810 - , Monroe, Ohio, USA	



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Died				
Buried				
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Died	19 Feb 1873	Lee Township, Monroe , Ohio, USA		
Buried				
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Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Nancy Knight (       -       )	Abt 1810 - , Monroe, Ohio, USA		

## Family Group Record for Azariah Thomas Hoskinson

Children (cont.)

8	F	Jane Hoskinson	
Born	Abt 1772-1773	Prince George, Co. Md.	
Died	Abt 1824	Monogalia Co., Va.	
Buried			
Spouse	Humphry Beckett Wilson (Abt 1790- )   1790 - Washington, , Monroe, Ohio, USA		
9	M	Levi Hoskinson	
Born	Abt 1780	Manallen Township, Fayette , Pa.	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
10	M	Josiah Hoskinson	
Born	Abt 1783	Manallen Township, Fayette , Pa.	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
11	F	Lucy Hoskinson	
Born	Abt 1786	, Monogalia, Va.	
Died	Abt 1877	, Wood , Virginia, USA	
Buried			
Spouse	Clayton Swindler ( - )	29 Dec 1808 - Monogalia Co., Va.	
General Notes: Husband -			
Birth and Death dates are (ca.) (About)			
These Brothers tied together by revolutionary war pension papers			
Isiah			
Basil (Bosil)?			
Ezekial			
General Notes: Wife -			
Azariah died before 1796 leaving widow Mary who married a Rhude.			
When he died she married again to Samuel Ralston this all from 1800-1812			
Mongolia Co. Va. . She sued Isaiah over going her Dowrey in the 100			
acres that she said her late husband Azariah had purchased from Isaiah.			
HER SURNAME UNKNOWN			

**5 Azariah Thomas HOSKINSON** 1 (James HOSKINSON , Thomas HOSKINSON , John , John ) was born in 1744 in Rock Creek Hundred, Prince Georges County, Maryland. He died in 1796 in Morgantown, Monongalia County, Virginia.

*From: Robert J. Hoskins... Azariah Thomas Hoskinson, fifth in our family tree and the son of James was a frontiersman and moved westward from Maryland with his family in about 1772/73. As was common in those days, his family was accompanied by his parents as well as many of his relatives, friends, and neighbors. They settled in Berkley Co., Va. Near other members of the Hoskinson family. A while later during the revolutionary period he again moved, this time farther westward, into Fayette Co., PA. near Uniontown and Old RedStone Fort. During these times a petition was circulated among the residents of the area for a new State due to a dispute between Pennsylvania and Virginia over their boundary line. Some of the signers of this petition were Azariah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and George Hoskinson. These were perilous times and I am sure that Azariah carried his share of the frontier life in helping to fight off the British and the Indians while trying to establish their new home in the dangerous wilderness. In 1785 after the revolution Azariah Thomas Hoskinson again moved, this time into Monongalia County, Virginia and settled near his brothers, Isaiah and Jeremiah. It was there that Azariah died, sometime between the years 1790 and 1795. I have never been able to learn the circumstances of his death or its exact date.*

Azariah Thomas is also believed to be the oldest son of James and is the first of the children to have shown up by 1769 in the records of Prince George's County. I have been unable to find a great amount of recorded data about Azariah, but enough was found to trace his movements and to get some idea of his lifetime activities. His trail started in Prince George's County, Maryland, then to Berkley County, Virginia, and on to Fayette County, (Manallen Twsp), Pa., ending up in Monongalia County, Va. By 1785. Evidence suggests that he died there between 1790 and 1795 of an unknown cause. Enough data was found about him to conclude that he surely was the next in our family line in America.

Azariah probably served in the Revolutionary War in some way, much as his brothers did, but his death in the early 1790's precluded his filing for any pension benefits, as his brothers Isaiah and Basil did in 1832. This of course deprived any present day researchers of the Revolutionary War records that otherwise might have been available for Azariah. In those times life was hard and from all indications, Azariah and his family were very poor. They seemed to have lived the typical lives of frontier backwoodsmen in the Northwest Virginia and Fayette County, Pennsylvania area before and during the Revolutionary war years, which was not easy.

It is not known who Azariah Thomas Hoskinson married, other than her name was Mary. I believe that they were surely married while still in Prince George's County, Maryland as they did not leave that area before 1772 or later. The first of their children were probably born there, which may have included Jane, Jonathon, and possibly Jeremiah.

The first mention of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson was found in the Prince George's County, Maryland Court Records dated 15 Sept 1769. This was when Azariah applied to the court for a certificate of Estray for five horses that he had found on his property. As was the rule then he brought the horses before the local Justices for examination and certification of their ownerless status. This document is copied as follows:

**Azariah Thomas Hoskinson Estray Records Libre AA2**

Folio 21 Prince George County, Md. (Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis) 15 Sept 1769: At the request of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson the following Certificate of strays was recorded this fifteen day of September Seventeen hundred and sixty nine, to Wit: Prince George County the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1769, I hereby certifies that Azariah Thomas Hoskinson brought before me the following creatures Viz. A black Mare about 14 hands high, dockt and branded on the near buttock thus....., and on the off buttock C, has on a small bell, mark on the one side ..... and on the other side ..... in dots, has a leather collar with an iron buckle. A bay mare about 13 hands high, dockt and branded on the near shoulder thus ....., a small star in her forehead. An iron gray colt about two years old branded on the near buttock ..... his hind and off fore foot white. A bay colt about a year old, four white feet and a blaze in its face and a bit out of the under part of its right ear. The colts all appear to be cut but neither of them dockt.

Examined

Jos Bealle

Azariah's applying for the certificate of Estray could be an indication that he was already married and was managing his own property when he found the horses. He may have been renting and preparing to purchase land at the time. Because on 26 November 1770 he was granted a Warrant from his Lordships Land Office for 30 acres, which was then added to the Prince George County Rent Rolls (Tax). This tract was called "Hoskins Lott" and was located on a branch called Sligo Branch about five miles northwest of Blandensburg and next to a tract of land called "London". London was owned by George Moore Junior, a first cousin to Azariah. London was also next to a 109 acre tract called "Elizabeth and Thomas", owned by Elizabeth Dryden who is believed to have been a sister to George Moore Senior. This land certificate is under Libre BC & GS #45 Folio 92. Certificate #1108.

Azariah's survey was signed off as being completed on 22 March 1771.

After this on 25 May 1771, Azariah signed his land patent certificate over to Francis Deakins for the amount of four pounds, fifteen shillings currency. This land certificate was signed by Azariah in his own handwriting and is in the Hall of Record at Annapolis. Azariah's sale of his land could have been an indication that he was planning on leaving the area. We know that he did leave, probably about the same time that James did, but the exact date has never been determined.

Land Transfer Pat. Certificate #1108 Libre BC&GS #43 Folio 196. Liber BC&GS #45 Folio 92. 25 May 1771.

**Reads as Follows...**



Prince George County, Maryland

Land Transfer

Pat. Certific.

Cert # 1108

Azariah Hoskinson

BOOK LIBER BC&GS # 43

To

25 MAY 1771

Francis Deakins

Folio 196

Liver BC and GS # 45

Folio 92

For and in consideration of the sum of four pounds fifteen shillings currency to me in hand paid, I hereby assign, sell transfer and make over unto Francis Deakins his heirs and or assigns all my right title interest property and claim whatsoever of in and to all that tract or parcel of land called Hoskins's Lott containing thirty acres surveyed for me the twenty second day of May Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy one and the Certificate thereof returned into the land office and desire that patent may issue on the same to the said Francis Deakins as witness and seal this 25 day of May 1771\_\_\_\_\_

Witness: John F.A. Priggs

Azariah Hoskinson

Wm Deakins

1108

*See Picture 52*

Prince Georges County Pa<sup>r</sup>

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Haskins's Lott containing thirty acres Surveyed for me the twenty  
second Day of may Anno Domini one Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy one and the Certificate thereof Returned into the Land Office,  
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Deakins as Witness my hand and Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of  
may 1771 — — — — —

Witness  
John F. T. Briggs  
Wm Deakins

Nariah Haskinsons

1108

Prince George County, Maryland

Cert. of Survey

Liber BC & GS #45 Fol 92

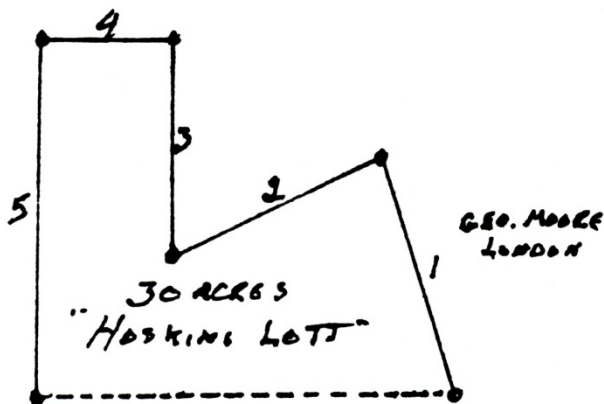
Azariah Hoskins

1771

Liber BC & GS #43 Fol 196

Certificate of Survey #1108

By virtue of a Commission Warrant granted out of his Lordships Land Office to Azariah Hoskins of County aforesaid for 30 acres, bearing date 26 November 1770, I have surveyed for him Azariah Hoskins all that tract or parcel of land called Hoskins Lott lying and being in the County aforesaid on West side of branch called "Slego" Branch and beginning at a bounded white oak, being the beginning tree of a tract called London, a parcel of land heretofore surveyed for George Moore Jr. and running N. 30 degrees West 53 perches, then South 67 degrees West 61 perches, then North 44 perches, then North 86 degrees West 20 perches, then South 87 ½ perches, then to the beginning. Survey 22 May 1771.



Courses				
1	-	N 31° W	53	
2	-	S 67° W	61	
3	-	N	44	
4	-	N 86° W	20	
5	-	S	87½	

John F. Prigg  
Dept. Surveyor

80 Equal Perches to inch.

Azariah continued to be listed on some Prince George County Estate inventories, as owing money to that deceased persons estate, into and after the mid 1770's but it is believed that he had already left the area by the time that these were probated. James, Jephtha and Thomas Hoskinson also appeared on some of these inventories along with the Moores.

The next mention of Azariah Hoskinson was found in the Court records of Berkeley Co, Va. as follows: Court Order Book # 2 Page 521, 18 March 1777, "Azariah Hoskinson is appointed Constable the ensuing year in the room of Stephen Boyles, ordered that he be summoned to appear here at the next Court to swear in to the said office.

It should be noted that both James and Basil Hoskinson both purchased and owned land next to William and Henry Boyles on Warm Springs Run. This land was about two miles north of Bath, Va., (Now Berkeley Springs, Wva.).

In Court Order Book #3, page #4, 20 May 1777 "Azariah Hoskinson personally appeared in Court and personally took the oath presented by the act of General Convention and also took the oath of Constable". On the same date, Basil Hoskinson was in Court; Basil Hoskinson Vs Robert Fairies for debt. Also on 19 May 1777, Isaiah Hoskinsons was in Cour Vs Hugh Gray-Debt.

The next year Azariah Hoskinson was on Jury Duty as recorded in Berkeley Co. Court Order Book on 22 April 1778. LDS Film #0831289. Page #88. This was for the case of Jeremiah Brannon Vs Davis Onana. On Page #90 Azariah Hoskinson was on Jury duty 22 April 1778. The 22 April 1778 Jury Duty listed is the last mention of Azariah Hoskinson in Berkeley Co. Va. The Hoskinson brothers and their alleged father, James, all seemed to have lived in the area around Bath (now Berkeley Springs), Va., which was several miles from Martinsburg, the County seat of Berkeley Co. It has been noted that many of their court dates were held on the same day or on dates close together. This was probably for the reason that they could travel the distance together, as well as provide mutual help and support in their Court appearances. These appearances, at one time or another, included Basil, Isaiah, Azariah, Jephtha, Exekiel, Jeremiah, James and Fred Gyer (Husb. of Nancy Hoskinson d/o James) In the time from 1774 through 1795, these people constituted most of the Hoskinsons in Berkeley County.

The next mention of Azariah was when he signed a petition for the new proposed State of "Westsylvania". At the time it is believed that he was living in Manallen Twsp. Fayette Co., Pa. This petition is undated, but I believe it to be about 1780-82. George, Jeremiah and Samuel Hoskinson also signed this petition. This petition is now with the papers of the Congress, Washington, D.C.

Later on 7 February, 1784, Azariah witnessed a land deed for Zela Rude when he sold 200 acres to the Rev. James Dunlap on the drains of Redstone Creek in Fayette Co., Pa.



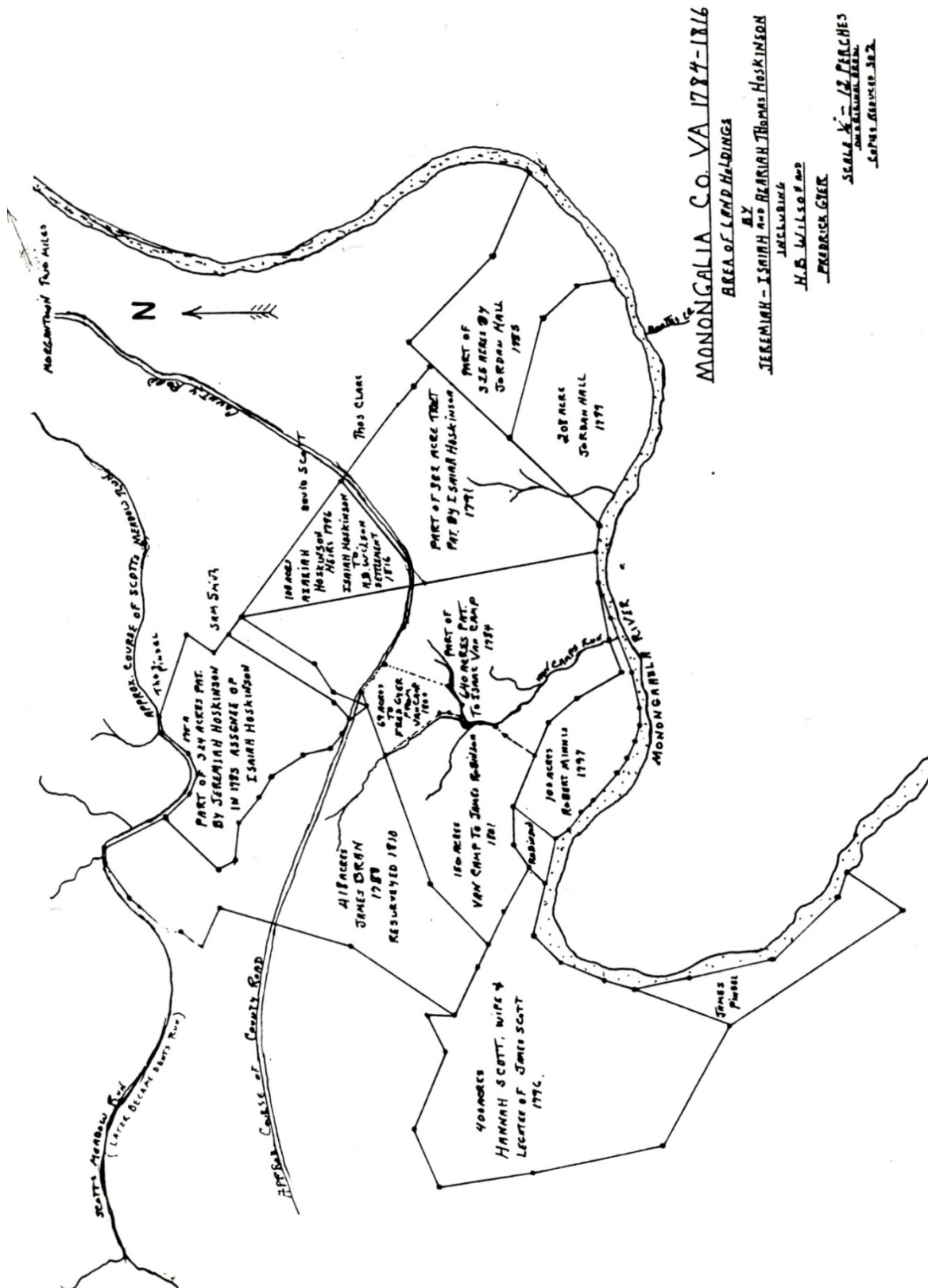
On the 7 of February 1785, Azariah Hoskinson and Thomas Wate acted as chain bearers in the survey of Jeremiah Hoskinson's land on Scotts Meadow Run in Monongalia Ca., Va. This survey was for 324 acres of land assigned to Jeremiah Hoskinson, assignee of Isaiah Hoskinson, assignee of Robert Snodgrass, granted from the Governor of Virginia.

Azariah was listed on the 1786, 1787 tax return for Monongalia County, Va. The tax listing above is the last mention of Azariah Hoskinson that I could locate in the Monongalia Co. Va. records. It is believed that Azariah died after that, sometime between 1790 and 1795.

It was later alleged by Azariah's widow Mary, that some time before Azariah's death, he purchased 100 acres of this land, by bond or verbal agreement, from his brother Isaiah. This was the 100 acres of land that they then lived on in Monongalia County, Virginia. This land was also the subject of Mary's long running court fight with Isaiah and her children, from which she attempted to gain her dower. Mary's court fight ran off and on from 1801 until 1814/15, but Azariah's purchase was never proven. This is covered in more detail later. The reason that the writer believes that Azariah did not die until after 1790 is because Isaiah did not receive a patent for this land until 15 October 1789 (Book # 1, page 102 Monongalia Co. Va.). Later a land grant for the 382 acres was issued to Isaiah from Beverly Randolph Esq. Gov. of Virginia on 9 Nov. 1791. Survey runs show this to be the same tract of land that contained the 100 acres allegedly sold to Azariah. It would seem that only after October 1789 could Isaiah have sold or promised to sell 100 acres of this land, and then only by bond or verbal promise, as alleged. Azariah would have still been alive at that time and because Isaiah did not yet have the grant he could only promised to deed the land to Azariah at a later date.

Evidence that Azariah had died prior to 11 October 1796 is proven in a deed given on that date by Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson, to James Thompson. This is the deed Book #1, Page 102 Monongalia Ca. Va. where Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson sold 116 ½ acres to Thompson. It being a parcel of land lying and being in the County of Monongalia and bounded as followeth viz; "Beginning at a stake in the line of the heirs of Azariah Hoskinson and running south 52 ½ degrees West thirty poles to a large stone, corner to said heirs and in a line of Isaac Van Camp and with said line South 10 degrees East two hundred poles to a sugar tree...etc.". This 100 acres tract on the West side of the Monongahela river, constituting the northern near one third of the original land grant of 382 acres that Isaiah had received from the Virginia Governor in 1791. It was located about 3 miles South West of Morgantown.

*See picture 55*



Picture 55

A short time after Azariah's death, his widow Mary Hoskinson remarried to Caleb Rude. No date has been given for this marriage but it was fairly soon after Azariah's death. For some time after, she and Caleb Rude continued to live on Azariah's land. During this time, which is believed to have been between 1795 and 1800, she and Caleb asked for her 1/3 dowry in this land and also some support for the two young children of Azariah's that were still at home. Three men were chosen to determine the amount of her dowry and the support for the children. This was agreed to and Mary and Caleb removed from the land, after which Humphrey and Jane Hoskinson Wilson moved onto and farmed for many years after. Also at this time, there was no clear title to this land, which Azariah was supposed to have given bond to his brother Isaiah for. But the bond was never produced and near this time Caleb Rude died and Mary was left in very poor and indigent circumstances.

After Caleb's death Mary asked for a corner of Azariah's land to support herself. As Mary was their mother, the older children prepared a cabin and cleared some land so that she could raise Indian corn. Mary however, disgraced herself in the eyes of her children and the community by admitting and allowing a Samuel Ralston to frequent and live in the cabin with her. Also at this time one of Mary's older sons, Ezekiel, threatened Samuel Ralston. As a result Ezekiel was brought into court and placed under a peace bond dated 17 June 1802. (Envelope 122 A, Monongalia Court Papers, Univ. of West Va. Library at Morgantown). This was probably because Ralston was bringing disgrace upon Ezekiel's mother and the rest of the family.

In 1802 Samuel Ralston was accused of and admitted to fathering a child of Jane Snodgrass, a single woman. He was summoned to court and sentenced to pay a fine as follows:

Monongalia Co., VA. County Court Box 25 Env. 122A LDS 0207160 May 1802  
Commonwealth Vs Samuel Robston (Rolston)-Bastardy

Monongalia county Court: The examination of Jane Snodgrass of the said County, Single woman, taken upon oath before me ASA DUDLEY one of the commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1802 who saith that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April last past at the house of Charles Snodgrass in the County aforesaid, she the said Jane Snodgrass was delivered of a male bastard child and that the said bastard child is likely to become chargeable to the said County and that Samuel Ralston of the said County, weaver, did get her with child of the said bastard child. Take and sworn the day and year above written before me.

Asa Dudley

## MONONGALIA CO., COURT

Whereas Jane Snodgrass of said County Single Woman, hath by her examination taken oath before Asa Dudley a Justice of the Peace in writing dictated that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April last past at the house of Charles Snodgrass in the Count aforesaid, she the said Jane Snodgrass was delivered of a male bastard child and that the said bastard child is likely to become chargeable to said County and hath charged Samuel Ralston of said County, Waver, of having gotten her with child of the said Bastard Child and whereas I Thomas Barns one of the overseers of the poor in the County aforesaid in order to indemnify the said Count y in the premis hath apply to me to issue a warrant for apprehending the said Samuel Ralston, I do hereby command you to apprehend Samuel Ralston and to bring him before me or some other of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for said County to find sufficient security in the sum of thirty dollars for his personal appearance at the next Court to be holden for the said County of Monongalia herein in performance of the act of the General Assembly entitled an act providing for the poor and dul...ing who shall be deemed vagrants.

Given under my hand and seal this 10 day of May in the year of our Lord 1802.

B. Reeder

To any Sworn Officer. Warrant Executed by Samuel Smith, Constable.

## MONONGALIA CO., VA.

Memorandum: that from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1802 Samuel Ralston of the County of Monongalia laborer, Barth. Clark of the same County, Labourer personally appeared before me Dudley Evans one of the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and acknowledged that they do owe to James Monroe, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his sons to wit. The said Samuel Ralston in the sum of thirty dollars and the said Barth. Clark in the sum of thirty dollars money of the United States to be levied of their respective goods and chattels, land and tenements to the use of the said Commonwealth of Virginia if default should be made in performance of the conditions hereunder written. The condition of this recognizance is that whereas Jane Snodgrass of the County of Monongalia Single Woman hath by her examination on oath before ASA DUDLEY one of the Commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid delivered of a bastard child in the County of Monongalia, the 25<sup>th</sup> of April last past, was delivered of a bastard child which is likely to become chargeable to the said County and hath charged the above bound Samuel Ralston with having gotten her with child of the said Bastard Child. Now if the said Samuel Ralston shall personally appear before the Commonwealths Justices of the Peace at the next Court to be held for the County of Monongalia and shall abide by and perform the order or orders of such Court as shall be made in the premises, then this recognizance to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Acknowledged before me:

Samuel Ralston

Dudley Evans.

Barth. Clerk (Bane)



After Mary started her association with Samuel Ralston, he apparently influenced her to sue Isaiah Hoskinson and her children for an additional amount of dower in Azariah's estate. Many summons were issued by the Sheriff's of Monongalia Co. Va. in the case. The first that I could locate was dated 21 July 1801 and began a lengthy on again, off again, litigation that lasted until 1814. Most of these papers are located in Box 57, Envelope 202 of Monongalia County, Va. court, at the University of West Virginia Morgantown. Also LDS Film #207193. Below are copies of some of these Court documents and papers that were used in Mary's Court fight with Isaiah and her children. I copied and interpreted them as near to their actual text, punctuation and spelling as I possibly could. Some are brief and others rather lengthy, but they tell the story as follows:

MONONGALIA CO., VA.

COURT-Box, Env.-202

LDS Film 207193.

The Commonwealth of Va. to Sheriff of Monongalia Co: Greeting WE command you to summon Isaiah Hoskinson, Becket Wilson and Jane his wife formerly Jane Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson, Jonathan Hoskinson, Jeremiah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Ezekiel Hoskinson, Levi Hoskinson and Archibald Hoskinson to appear before the Justices of our said County Court in Chancery at the Court House of the said County and the second Monday in August to answer to bill in chancery exhibited against them by Mary Rude late widow of Azariah Hoskinson and this they shall in no wise omit under penalty of one hundred pounds each and have them there this writ: Witness John Evans Clerk of our said Court at the Court House aforesaid. The 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1801 in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

MONONGALIA COURT SUMMONS Mary Rude Vs Children

Summons 27 Sept. 1802

The Sheriff to summon Isaiah Hoskinson, Jonathon Hoskinson, Ezekeil Hoskinson, Becket Wilson and Jane his wife formerly Jane Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Levi Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Archibald Hoskinson to appear before the justices of our said County Court in Chancery at the Courthouse of the said County on the second Monday in November to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Mary Rude late widow of Azariah Hoskinson.

John Evans

Clrk Court.

Return report of Sheriff. Mary Rude Vs. I. Hoskinson in Chancery Executed on all the ..... But Ezekiel Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Archibald Hoskinson and Jeremiah Hoskinson. Sarah Hoskinson not an inhabitant, Archibald Hoskinson not an inhabitant, Jeremiah Hoskinson not an inhabitant, Ezekiel Hoskinson not an inhabitant and not found.

John Dean: for Russell Potter Sheriff.

Court records Box 57 Envelope 202.

Univ. of Wva. Library Morgantown.

By 1802 Ezekiel, Sarah, Archibald and Jeremiah Hoskinson were living outside of Monongalia County. Jeremiah and Sarah were in Washington County, Ohio.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, VA. COURT Box 57 Envelope 202, LDS0207193

MARY RUDE Complainant Vs BECKET WILSON AND JANE HIS WIFE. 1802

To the Worshipful court of Monongalia County: Letter in Chancery humbly sheweth unto your Worships that your Oratrix MARY RUDE late the widow of AZARIAH HOSKINSON complains: Sheweth to the Court that her said husband Azariah Hoskinson in his lifetime purchased one hundred acres of land of his brother Isaiah Hoskinson, being a part of the same tract on which the said Isaiah now lives in Monongalia County and paid him for the land the sum of .....which was the price agreed on for the same and that the said Isaiah give to your Oratresses said husband a bond for the Conveyance of the said land, which bond your said Oratress believes is now in the hands of Becket Wilson and that the said Isaiah put your Oratress said husband in possession of the said land and that he lived on the same until he died; which bond above mentioned if it can be produced your oratrix prays may herein become a part of this her bill of complaint. But now so it is may it please the court that the said Isaiah Hoskinson, Josiah Hoskinson, Becket Wilson and Jane his wife formerly Jane Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson Jonathan Hoskinson, Jeremiah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Ezekiel Hoskinson, and Archibald Hoskinson who are Oratress prays may be made defendants to this bill, combining and confederating together in order to inure and defraud your oratrix: the said Isaiah Hoskinson refused to convey the said land to the said Josiah, Becket Wilson and Jane his wife, Isaiah, Jonathan, Jeremiah, Azariah, Ezekiel, Sarah and Archibald, children and heirs of your oratresses said husband deceased and that they the aid children and him aforesaid neglects to enforce the conveyance of the said above described land, whereby your oratress is endanger of being denied her right to dower in said land..... premises and actually refuses to lay off her dower as in equity and good conscience they ought to ..... remediless in the premises by the strict rules of the common law and relievable only in a Court of Equity where matters of this sort are only and properly cognizable to the end therefore that the said defendants Isaiah, Becket Wilson and Jane his wife, Isaiah, Jonathan, Jeremiah, Azariah, Ezekiel, Levi and Archibald may each and every of them be called upon by the court to and be compelled on their and each of

their Corporal Oath full true direct and perfect answers in manner to all and singular the matters and things as charged in this your oratress bill, but in particular if the said Isaiah Hoskinson did not sell to your Oratresses said husband Azariah Hoskinson one hundred acres of land as above described and if he did not receive from your Oratress said husband the sum of ..... for the same and if he did not put him in peaceable possession of the same or give him leave to take possession thereof and if he did not give him a bond for the conveying the said land to him your oratress said husband; and that the said Becket Wilson may be called on by the Court and be completed on his Corporal Oath to say if he has or has not had the above mentioned bond in his hands and if he has it not that he may he know.....and if he has any .....become of the land.....Wilsonhands, that he may be compelled to deliver it to the Court in order that it may become part of the record in this cause. May it please the Court the premises considered to order and decree that the said Isaiah Hoskinson may convey the premises above mentioned to the above mentioned children and heirs of the said Azariah Hoskinson deceased and that this Worshipful court will appoint Commissioners to lay off and assign your Oratress her one full third part of the said one hundred acres of land and grant to your Oratress such other and further relief in the premises as to the Court shall deem just and appreciable to equity and good conscience. May it please the Court to grant to your Oratress.....weaths writ of supeina to be directed to the said defendants thereby commanding them and every of them at a certain day and under a certain plan therein to be specified personally to be and appear before this Court and then and there to answer all and singular the premises aforesaid and to stand to perform and abide such as direction and decree therein as to the Court shall deem meet and your Oratress shall ever pray.

M. Sexton Attny for Complainant

Monongalia. Co. VA.

12 March 1805/06 a Mary Rude and Samuel Ralston were married.

By Patterson.

Surity-Charles Snodgrass

Apparently the news of Samuel and Mary's marriage did not reach the authorities before the Grand Jury indicted her on a charge of Fornication, as follows:

MONONGALIA COUNTY, VA. COUNTY COURT Box Env. 144C

May 1806

COMMONWEALTH Vs MARY RUDE Fornication

Bail Required \$200.00

We the Grand Jury do present MARY RUDE for living in a state of fornication (adultery) with Samuel Ralston by the information of Jacob Noose (geso) Yeoman, who was sworn to the Grand Jury  
Jury Foreman

MONONGALIA COUNTY, VA. COUNTY COURT Box Env. 144C May 1806.

COMMONWEALTH Vs MARY RUDE Fornication Indictment:

Certificate of Clerk, Ref. Jacob Noose being sworn in Court. Testimony of J. Faulk that he believes Mary will leave, hence bail of 100 required. Quashed.

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COUNTY COURT Box 57 Env. 202 LDS Film 0207193

MARY RUDE Compl. Vs BECKET WILSON, JOAN HIS WIFE AND OTHER

DEFENDANTS: In Chancery the plea of Humphry Becket Wilson and Joan his wife who hath been summoned and attached by the name of Becket Wilson and Joan his wife to appear in your Worshipful Court sitting in Chancery to answer a bill of Complaint exhibited in your said Court by the said Complainant Mary Rude against Becket Wilson Joan his wife and other. The said Humphry and Joan his wife in their proper persons comes and defends the force and injury when and where it may behove them, and saith by the name of Humphry Becket Wilson and not Becket Wilson as by the said writs of supponea and attachment is as aobe supposed and this they are ready to verify, wherefore they pray judgment of the said writs and that the said writs may be quashed and that the said bill may be dismissed and that the said Humphry Becket Wilson and Joan his wife be dismissed with their reasonable costs by them in this behalf expended. and the said Humphry Becket Wilson and Joan his wife for further plea say that the said complainant since the time she the said complainant exhibited her said bill of complaint to wit on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1806 hath intermarried with a certain Samuel Ralston as by the records of your court will appear in the aforesaid writs and bill of complaints expressed, wherefore the said Humphry Becket Wilson, Joan his wife and others mentioned in the said writ of supponea maybe quashed and the said bill be dismissed and that they the said Humphry Becket Wilson Joan his wife and others mentioned in said bill may recover the reasonable costs in this behalf expended and Joan his wife Uca.



MONONGALIA CO. TO WIT:

Personally appeared before me B. REEDER one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and Humphry Becket Wilson and made oath according to law that the facts stated in the above plea are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn before me 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1808

B. REEDER

MONONGALIA CO., VA. SUMMONS 15 January 1813

The Sheriff of Monongalia, Ca. Greetings: You are hereby commanded to Summon Humphry Becket Wilson and Jane his wife late Jane Hoskinson, Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife late Lucy Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Ezekiel Hoskinson, Levi Hoskinson, Archibald Hoskinson, Jeremiah Hoskinson, and Jonathon Hoskinson who are the heirs and legal representatives of Azariah Hoskinson and Isaiah Hoskinson to appear before the justices of our County Court in Chancery at the Courthouse of the said County on the second Monday of August next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Samuel Ralston and Mary his wife late Mary Rude who was the widow of Azariah Hoskinson deceased and this they shall in no wise omit under penalty of one hundred pounds each and have them there this writ. Witness A. Evans Clerk.

15 day of January 1813.

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COURT 1813

SAMUEL RALSTON AND WIFE MARY Vs H. B. Wilson and Heirs of Azariah Hoskinson.  
TO THE WORSHIPFUL Court of Monongalia Ca. in Chancery sitting.

The prior petition and bill of Complaint of your orators, Samuel Ralston and Mary his wife late Mary Rude who was the widow of Azariah Hoskinson deceased, humbly complaining showith unto your worships that the said Samuel Ralston has intermarried with the said Mary and that the first husband of the said Mary, Azariah Hoskinson in his life time purchased of his brother Isaiah Hoskinson one hundred acres of land lying in Monongalia County, it being the same on which Humphrey Becket Wilson now lives, and paid the said brother for the same, the sum of ..... which was the price agreed upon for the same and that the said Isaiah gave possession to the said Azariah Hoskinson in his life time for the said land, on which he lived until his death and the said Isaiah also gave bond to the said Azariah whereby he bound himself to convey the said land to the said Azariah the first husband of complainant the said Mary Ralston, which bond your complainants believes is now in the possession of Humphry Becket Wilson, which bond when found your prays we be taken as part of this bill, but now so it is may it please your

worships that Humphry Becket Wilson and Jane his wife late Jane Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Sarah Hoskinson, Ezekiel Hoskinson, Levi Hoskinson, Archibald Hoskinson, Jeremiah Hoskinson and Jonathan Hoskinson are the children and heirs and legal representatives of the said Azariah Hoskinson and who your complaint prays may be made defendants to this bill and combining and confederating together in order to injure and defraud your complainants. He the said Isaiah Hoskinson the maker of said bond has hitherto refused to convey said bond, either to the said Azariah in his lifetime or to his said heirs since the death of him the said Azariah in his lifetime or to his said heirs since the death of him the said Azariah as above stated of the said Azariah Hoskinson, neglects to issue a conveyance of the said land, whereby your complainant is injured and the said Mary Ralston is in danger of being deprived and defrauded of her dower in said land more especially as the said bond for a conveyance is in the hands of one of the said defendants to wit, Humphry Becket Wilson and as the said Wilson and his said wife has had actual enjoyment and possession of the said land for a great length of time by virtue of the purchase of the complainant Mary and dower in said land and his said wife, together with the other heirs and children of the said Azariah, refuses to lay off or allow your complainant Mary any dower in said land as in equity and good conscience they ought to do in tender consideration thereof and in as much as your complainant is remedy less in the premises by the strict rule of the common law and relievable only in a Court of Equity, where matters of this sort are only and properly.....cognizable....to the end thereon that the said defendants may each and all of them be called upon by this court and be compelled one and each of them upon their Corporal Oaths full true and perfect and direct answers to make to all and singular the matters and things charged in this your complainants said bill of complaint, but in particular whether it is not the same that the said Wilson now lives on and whether the said Wilson has not by virtue of the said purchase as one of the heirs of the Azariah Hoskinson possessed and occupied the same for many years, and whether the sum of .....was not paid by the said Azariah in his life time to the said Isaiah for the same and whether your complainant Mary's first husband Azariah Hoskinson was not by virtue of said sale long possessed of said land before he died and whether the said Isaiah did not give a bond the said Azariah in his life time for the conveyance of said land and that the said Humphry Becket Wilson make particular answer on oath to say whether he has or has not said bond in his possession and if he has, that he may be compelled to produce the same and if he has not that he be compelled to disclose who has said bond if he has any knowledge thereof or what has become of it and when produced that it become part of the record in this cause. May it please your Worships the premises considered to order and direct that the said Isaiah Hoskinson convey the said land to the said children and heirs of the said Azariah Hoskinson deceased, and that this worshipful court may appoint Commissioners to lay off and assign dower to your complainant Mary Ralston in the said one hundred acres of land, and grant to your complainants such other and further relief in the premises as to your worships may seem just and equitable. May it please your Worships to grant to your complainant the Commonwealths writ of *supreana* to be directed to the Sheriff to summon the said defendants to appear at a certain time before

your worships to answer the premises aforesaid and to stand, perform and abide by such order or decree as your Worships may direct and your complainant will pray do.

Mathew Gay

Attny for complnt

Court Clerk Notes: S. Ralston and Wife Vs H.B. Wilson 1813 Sept. Bill filed. Oct. Answer filed. Nov. do. Dex. CHup1814. Jan.Do, Feb.Do, March Do, Apr.Do, May Do, June Do, July Rept to answer. Deft Order Depositions. Aug. Sept, do, 1814 Dec. Disagreed.

Samuel Ralston Vs H.B. Wilson Served on Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife, Humphry B. Wilson and Jane his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson. The others not inhabitants of the Commonwealth,

14 July 1813. Thos. Miller JMC

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COURT

SAMUEL RALSTON AND MARY HIS WIFE Compl. Vs H.B. WILSON, C. SWINDLER AND ISAIAH HOSKINSON 27 October 1813.

The joint and several answers of Humphry Becket Wilson and Joan(Jane) his wife and Clayton Swinder and Lucy his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson defendants to the bill of complaint of Samuel Ralston and Mary his wife complainants in their bill exhibited in this Worshipful Court against them the said defendants and others. The said defendants Humphry B. Wilson Vce now and at all times hereafter, saving and reserving to themselves all and all manor of benefits and exception that may be had or taken to the many errors.....(uncertaincias) and manifest insufincios in your complainants said bill of complaint contained. For answer thereunto or unto so much there of as the said defendants are advised is material or necessary for them to answer unto the first. Your respondent Humphry B Wilson one of the said defendants doth hereby answer and say that he hath been informed and believes that Azariah Hoskinson in his life time bought one hundred acres of land from Isaiah Hoskinson, it being a part of that tract of land whereone Isaiah Hoskinson formerly lived upon, situated lying and being in Monongalia Co., State of Virginia, and as the said respondent Humphry B. Wilson was informed that the said Azariah paid him the said Isaiah Hoskinson the full amount of the sum agreed upon by them the said Azariah and Isaiah for the consideration thereof but since the death of the said Azariah your respondent

Humphry B. Wilson saith he hath been informed that the said Isaiah denies that he the said Isaiah hath recovered the full amount thereof. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further answers that he hath seen a written paper, which was said to be a bond given by the said Isaiah conditioned as your said respondent was informed for the conveyance of the said one hundred acres of land that he your said respondent knows not where said bond, if it is a bond, now is, but believes, she your said complainant, Mary delivered it up to some of the children of the said Azariah when she the said Mary removed from the said land. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further answers that the said Azariah, having got possession of the said land cleared some ground thereon and lived on said until his, the said Azariahs death. Some short time after the death of the said Azariah, she was complainant Mary intermarried with a certain CALEB RUDE and they the said Rude and your complainant Mary finding (as your respondent supposes) the one third of the clear land then on the one hundred acres together with the one third of the residue therof would not be sufficient to support the said Mary and her then Husband Rude. She your complainant Mary with her said husband Caleb Rude proposed to those of the children of the said Azariah that were grown up to the years of maturity that if the said children and their friends would make them the said Mary your now complainant and her said husband Rude a reasonable compensation out of the personal property of her deceased husband Azariah she the said Mary and her said husband Caleb Rude's right to dower of and in said land and remove off to some other place, that is to say provided the said children and their friends would still make said land liable to pay in property a then given sum annually for clothing, boarding and schooling two of the said children of the said Azariah that were then young, until they the said two children were capable to manage for themselves, and your complainant and Caleb Rude her then said husband proposed to the said children grown up as aforesaid and their friends to submit the whole business as to the value of her the said Mary and her said husband Caleb Rude's third of said land, and also the sum to be reserved for the two young children to the (arbittriment) of two or more of their (the said Mary and her husband Caleb Rude and the said grown up children and their friends) honest neighbors to which proposition they the said grown children's agree and your respondents the said Humphry B. Wilson farther states and answers to the said bill of complaint that she the said Mary and her said husband Caleb Rude did chose three men for to value her right of dower in said land and also what sum the said land should be made liable to for the support of the young children aforesaid and their the said Mary and the said Rude executed an article of an agreement ablidging themselves to stand to and abide by the decision of the aforesaid three men in the promises aforsaid and your respondent Humphry B. Wilson farther states and answers to the said bill of complain that the said three men after they had agreed upon the sum which she the said Mary's dower of and in said land, they the said three men did actually value the said property agreeably to the honor of said article of agreement and she the said Mary and her husband Caleb Rude did actually receive said so valued property as a full and ample consideration for her the said Mary and Calebs right of dower of in and to said land, which article of agreement, your said respondent prays may be taken as a part of this, their answers to the said complainant's bill of complaint your respondent Humphry B. Wilson farther states and



answers to the said bill of complaint that the said Caleb and Mary your complainants upon the receipt of the aforesaid valued property removed off from the said land and premises and appeared perfectly satisfied with the property they the said Caleb and Mary your complainant had received as a full equivalent for all their claims against the land and estate of the said Azariah deceased. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further states and answers to the said bill of complaint that he took that young boy, son of the said Azariah home to his, your respondents house, boarded, clothed and sent him to school for a long time, and sometime after the removal of the said Caleb and your said complainant Mary from the land aforesaid, Isaiah Hoskinson (took the other young girl home, to his Isaiah's house and maintained and supported her) paid up to the said Caleb and Mary the portion of the rent reserved for the other young child, until they the said Rude refused to give security for supporting said young child, your respondent Humphry B. Wilson supposed that no other instrument of writing was necessary, they the said respondents having full complied with the said article of agreement, they not being learned in the law. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further states and answers to the said bill of complaint that the said Mary your complainant did some short time after the death of her husband Caleb Rude come to your respondents, she the said Mary then being reduced into indigent circumstances and asked leave of your said respondent to settle down on some corner of said land that she might try to make bread Vca for her support(she the said Mary having before that time given up to her children your respondents the peaceable thereto belonging) to which request your respondent Humphry B. Wilson with others the children of the said Azariah consented (out of the compassion to her the said Mary being there mother) and your respondents with her other children did actually repair a cabin and clear and fence a small field on said land for her the said Mary's sole use, into which cabin she the said Mary entered and occupied the said cabin and made sundry crops of Indian Corn Ica theron. From the cabin and field your respondent Humphry B. Wilson verably believes she the said Mary your said complainant would have never been disturbed or removed during the term of her the said Mary's natural life, provided she the said Mary had conducted herself in a prudent and becoming manner, but as it is said she the said Mary admitted a certain Samuel Ralston your now complainant to frequent and lodge in the house with her the said Mary. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further states and answers to the said bill of complaint that she the said Mary your said complainant disregarding the admonitions of her the said Mary's children and their friends, hath withdrawn her the said Mary's maternal affection from her the said Mary's children and continued to hold the same intercourse with him the said Samuel Ralston whereby her the said Mary's children is brought into disgrace. Your respondent Humphry B. Wilson further states and answers to the said bill of complaint that as inequity she the said Mary nor him the said Samuel Ralston your complainants (for it is said that he the said Samuel Ralston hath sometime since intermarried with her the said Mary) can have no claim in equity for her the said Mary's dower in said one hundred acres of land, as she the said Mary had received the property aforesaid, as full and satisfactory equivalent for all her claims against the estate of her former husband Azariah Hoskinson deceased. More especially the said Mary and the said Samuel Ralston hath let the claim (if they the said Samuel

Ralston and the said Mary could possibly have any) lay dormant so long until your respondent Humphry B. Wilson hath opened a considerable plantation on the said one hundred acres of land. And our respondent Humphry B. Wilson further states and answers to the said bill of complaint that he the said respondent Humphry B. Wilson verally believe that the said complainant Mary would have never brought this nor a former suit (for this is the second suit brought by your complainant Mary for the said claim of dower in the land thereby harassing her children and running them her said children to great expense) but merely to gratify the said Samuel Ralston our complainant, who now, as well as heretofore have commenced hostilities against the children of the said Mary by the said Azariah deceased. And the respondents to wit Joan Wilson wife of the said Humphry B. Wilson.....and Isaiah Hoskinson jointly and overally answered to the bill of complaint aforesaid and saith that they the said Joan Wilson, Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson doth not know anything concerning the facts stated in the foregoing answer thereto by the said respondent Humphry B. Wilson. But the said respondents Joan Wilson, Clayton Swindler and Lucy is wife and Isaiah Hoskinson says they fully believe that all the facts therein states is true. And the said respondents, to wit Humphry B. Wilson and Joan his wife, Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson hereby denies all and all manner of unlawful combination and confederacy herewith they are charged, without that there is nay other matter, cause or thing in the said complainant's bill of complaint contained, material or effectual in the law for them those respondents to make answer unto, and hereby sufficiently answered, avoided, reversed or denied, is true, to the best of the knowledge and belief of those the said respondents. All which matters and prove as this worshipful court shall direct and humbly prays to be hence dismissed with no only the reasonable costs and charges in law of this suit, but also the costs and charges in law accruing on a former suit instituted in your Worshipful Court by your complainant Mary for her the said Mary's dower in the said lands which former suit your respondents believes was dismissed at the (rules) in your Clerks Office, all which costs and charges your respondents hath wrongfully sustained.

Wm McCleary Attys for defdts

MONONGALIA CO. TO WIT:

Then came Humphry B. Wilson and Joan his wife, Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson before me Ralph Barkshire one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God that all the facts set forth in the foregoing answer to a bill of complaint of Samuel Ralston and Mary his wife so far as the said Humphry B. Wilson and Joan his wife, Clayton Swindler and Lucy his wife and Isaiah Hoskinson knows them of their own knowledge are true, and those facts that they have been informed of and contained in the said answer they believe to be true, sworn before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1813

R. Barkshire

The joint and several answers of Humphry B. Wilson and others to a bill of complaint exhibited in Chancery by S. Ralston and Mary his wife.

Copy by Campll. 7 March 1814 Per. M. Gay

As Samuel and Mary Ralston were unable to prove ownership by her late husband, Azariah Hoskinson, of the 100 acres from Isaiah Hoskinson, they decided to drop the suit and release all claims to it.

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COURT RECORDS ENVELOPE 220B BOX 61

SAMUEL RALSTON & Mary his wife late Mary Rude who was the widow of Azariah Hoskinson decsd. Vs HUMPHRY BECKET WILSON, JONATHON HOSKINSON AND WIFE and others. IN CHANCERY;

For the Dower of the said Mary Ralston in a piece of land on which Jane Wilson now lives, who is the widow of H.B. Wilson aforesaid. Thereby release all claim of my wife's dower to said land as far as I have power and desire the suit now depending on Monongalia County Court in Chancery for the same be dismissed, the said Jane Wilson paying \$10.36 of the Costs: Witness in hand and seal the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1813.

Witness: A. Evans

Samuel Ralston

After Mary and Samuel Ralston released their claim to the 100 acres, Isaiah and Hannah then of Licking County, Ohio sold it to Jane Hoskinson Wilson and the other heirs of Azariah.

MONONGALIA CO., VA. DEED BOOK OS7 Page 188-189

16 Nov. 1816 100 Acres

ISIAH HOSKINSON AND HANNAH HIS WIFE to JANE WILSON Late Jane Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson, Jeremiah Hoskinson, Sarah Martin Late Sarah Hoskinson, Azariah Hoskinson, Ezekiel Hoskinson, Lucy Swindler late Lucy Hoskinson and Elson Hoskinson the only heir of

Archibald Hoskinson Descd. This indenture made this 16 day of November in the year of our Lord 1816 between Isaiah Hoskinson and Hannah his wife of the County of Licking and State of Ohio of the one part and Jane Wilson late Jane Hoskinson, Jonathon Hoskinson, Isaiah Hoskinson Ezekiel Hoskinson, Lucy Swindler late Lucy Hoskinson and Elson Hoskinson the only heir of Archibald Hoskinson and Hannah his wife, in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Jane Wilson and at or before the unsealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Jane Wilson and their heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situated and laying and being in the county of Monongalia on the West side of the Monongalia River adjoining the land of Isaac Camp and others. It being a part of a tract of land of four hundred acres which was granted to the said Isaiah Hoskinson by the Commonwealth of Virginia by patent bearing the .....day of .....and bounded as followth, to Wit: Beginning at a white oak Corner to Isaac Camp and with his line South 8 East 222 poles to a stone on said line, North 50 ½ East 153 ½ poles passing a stake and a pile of stone in John W. Thompsons Corner to a stake in a line of Daniel Marchants Land, North 49 W 4 poles to a black walnut corner of the original survey and corner to Daniel Marchant and Thomas Wells and with Thomas Wells line and Daniel Knox, North 53 West 197 poles to the beginning, containing one hundred acres with its appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land until the said Jane Wilson to their heirs and assigns forever to and for the only proper use and behoof of them the said Jane Wilson and their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Isaiah Hoskinson and Hannah his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract of land with all and singular the premises unto the said Jane Wilson and their heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of them the said Isaiah Hoskinson and Hannah his wife or either of them or either of their heirs and all and very person or persons whatsoever shall will and do warrant an forever defend by these present. In Witness whereof the said Isaiah Hoskinson and Hannah his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of: Isaiah Hoskinson

Virginia, Monongalia Co., This deed was this day produced before me in my office and acknowledged by the within named Isaiah Hoskinson which is recorded as to him given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1816.

N. Evans

MONONGOLIA CO., VA COURT ORDER BOOK BK #6 Pg 371

9 December 1816. Box 69 Env. 243 1816-1817



Monongalia Co., Court a deed from Isaiah Hoskinson and Hannah his wife to the heirs of (Archibald Hoskinson) Decd for the 100 acres of land was produced before me in my office and acknowledged by the said Isaiah, is recorded.

#### Historical Note 1803:

The **Louisiana Purchase** was the acquisition by the United States of America of 828,800 square miles of the French territory Louisiana in 1803. President Thomas Jefferson paid a total cost of 15 million dollars for the Louisiana Territory, which encompassed all or part of 14 current US states. This addition doubled the size of the United States and led to an era of westward expansion.



MONONGOLIA CO., VA COUNTY COURT DEED Bk#9 Pg-14

16 Nov. 1822, Indenture: Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson of Licking Co. Ohio to John Knox of Monongalia Co., Va. In consideration of \$105 acquitted and discharged to John Knox part of tract granted Isaiah by Patent August 1790. Beginning at white oak corner to same survey conveyed to Dudley Evans with his line N 55 E 129, N 25 W 24 then along survey for George Galasby, part of same survey sold to Becket Wilson, along his line S 50 ½ W 126, S 63 E 12 to the beginning. Containing 13 acres and 20 poles.

Isaiah Hoskinson

Hannah X Hoskinson

Mark

Affidavit: State of Ohio, Licking County

Franklin Twnshp 16 Nov. 1822.

Virginia: Be it remembered that on 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1823, this deed was produced to me Nimrod Evans of Monongalia County and admitted to be recorded.

N. Evans Clerk

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COURT ORDER BOOK #8, PAGE 254

24 March 1823

A deed of Bargain and sale from Isaiah Hoskinson ad Hannah his wife to John Knox for 13 acres of land certified by two Justices of the Peace Licking Co., State of Ohio.

Source: Robert J. Hoskins of NC

Monongalia Co., Va.

15 Day November 1822

Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson of Licking Co. State of Ohio sold land to John

Knox. Patent dated August 1790 to Isaiah Hoskinson. N 55 E 129, N 25 W 24

along line sold to Becket Wilson, S 50 1/2 W 126, S 63 E 12 to beginning.

Isaiah Hoskinson

Hannah Hoskinson

MONONGALIA CO., VA. COUNTY COURT DEED DEED Bk 11 or 12

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Know all men by these presents that I Ezekiel Hoskinson of Monongalia County and State of Virginia am held and firmly bound unto Daniel Knox of same County and State aforesaid in the penal sum of Seventy Dollars money of the United States to which payment will and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs to the said Daniel Knox his heirs executors administrators or assigns as witness my hand and seal this 26th day of July 1805. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above

bound Ezekiel Hoskinson or any person for him do make or cause to be made a good real and sufficient title in fee simple for Eleven and one eight acres lying and adjoining Isaac Camp, it being part of a survey Azariah Hoskinson decsd died possessed of. The title to be made as soon as there can be a division agreeable to law of the above mentioned tract of land then this obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of: James Scott

Wm Ware

Ezekiel

Hoskinson

Virginia: Be it remembered that on the 9th day of April in the year 1832 this bond was produced to me Thomas P. Ray Clerk of the County Court of Monongalia in my office and acknowledgment of the said Ezekiel Hoskinson thereto proven by the oath of James Scott and admitted to record at the request of said Knox.

Thos P. Ray

From the records in the court case involving Mary Hoskinson and her attempt to win her dower in Azariah's alleged land holding in Monongalia County, Va. 1801-1814, there were eleven children in the family.' In the several court hearings and trials, all of the children were named at one time or another in the court papers, but not all of the children were named in any single document.

Azariah Thomas and Marv Hoskinson's children were:

**Jonathon Hoskinson**

b. Ca 1770/71 Prince Geo. Co. Md. d. Ohio Married: Unknown

Jonathons recorded activities began

after 1795 in Monongalia Co. Va. and continued on into the 1820's. He was well known and had considerable interactivity with the other Hoskinsns, during that time. He was named and summoned several times to the court trials by his mother Mary's Attorney, in her effort to claim her dower in Azariah's land holdings after his death.

**Jane Hoskinson Wilson** b. Ca 1772/73 Ca.Prince Geo Co. Maryland.

d. Ca 182.. Monongalia Co. Va.

Married: Humphry Beckett Wilson Ca. 1790

Children: as listed in land deeds and on a bond are:

Mary Watton M/John Watton

Hannah Scott M/ Stephen Scott Jr. (Tyler Co.Va.)

Azariah M/Margaret Knox

George M/Jane Snyder (Wid.of George Dudley)

Sarah M/Peter Gosney

Rachel M/Blved to be James Scott Bro. of Stephen Jr.

Nancey M/Blved to be Johnn Scott Bro. of Stephen Jr.

John Beckett M/Lydia Mason

#2 Lucinda Stewart

Jeremiah M/ Unknown

Margery (listed on Jane Wilson to John Knox deed of 22 April 1820)

Hannah Wilson was first wife of Stephen Scott Jr. of Tyler Co., Va.

He was son of Stephen Scott Senior of Ohio Twsp, Monroe Co., Ohio. Stephen Jr. was brother to Frances (Fanny) Scott Hoskinson, 2nd Wife of Jeremiah Hoskinson of Ohio Twsp, Monroe Co. Ohio.

Lucinda Stewart, second wife of John Beckett Wilson Jr., was daughter of Philander B. and Sarah Scott Stewar of Monroe County, Ohio. Sarah Scott was a sister to Stephen Scott Jr.



**Jeremiah Hoskinson** b. Ca 1774/75 Prince Geo. Co MD., or Berkeley County, Va. d. May 1828 Ohio Twsp., Monroe Co. Ohio, M/#1 Mary Scott #2/ Frances Scott.

**Isaiah Hoskinson** b. Ca 1776, Berkeley Co., Va. d. Unknown

Married: Elizabeth Tennant, 17 March 1803

He is believed to have lived in Monongalia County, Virginia most of or all of his lifetime.

**Azariah Hoskinson Jr.** b. Ca. 1778. Berkeley County, d. 8 March 1842, Monroe Co., Ohio

Married: Jane H. Knight b. Ca 1791 d. April 1850, Monroe Co., Ohio.

Children:

Archibald M/Sarah Smittle

Jefferson M/Hannah .....

Rachel M/John Siglor

David M/Elizabeth

Arthur S. M/Elizabeth

Lucinda M/Uriah Ice

Matilda M/Wm Baily

Azariah Jr. M/ Unknown

Mary Ann M/ Unknown

John M/ Theodacia ...

Sarah M/ Unknown

Azariah moved to Monroe Co. Ohio soon after his marriage. Was a land owner there and a Justice of the Peace for many years in Jackson Twsp. A part of which later became Lee Twsp. He gave land from his farm for a church and burying ground, which is now Mt.Olive church and Cemetery in Lee Twsp.

Azariah was appointed Executor of his brother Jeremiah's estate when he died in 1828 in Ohio Township, Monroe County. Azariah died in Monroe Co. and is no doubt buried in the Mt. Olive church cemetery as is Jane, but his stone is no longer in existence. The stone of Jane Hoskinson still exists there.

**Levi Hoskinson** b. Ca. 1780, Probably in Manallen Twsp., Fayette Co., Pa.  
d. Unknown

Married: Unknown

Nothing is known about the life of Levi Hoskinson. He was named in his Mothers Court case several times. He may be the Levi that was shown to be living in Cabel County, Va. (Huntington, WV) in the 1810 Census.

**Josiah Hoskinson** b. Ca 1783 Probably Manallen Twsp, Fayette Co. Pa  
d. Unknown  
Married: Unknown

Nothing is known about the life of this Josiah Hoskinson. There was a Josiah that interacted with some of the other Hoskinson children 1800-1810 in Monongalia Co. and was probably this Josiah. He was also named a few times in the summons for Mary Rudes Court case 1801-08.

**Ezekiel Hoskinson** b. Ca 1785 d. 19 Feb. 1873 Lee Twsp., Monroe Co. Ohio  
Married: Mary Baldwin, 6 Dec. 1803, Monong. Co.

Children: Mary M/Robert Riley  
George W. M/Lucy Bosworth  
Ezekiel Jr. M/Susan Riley  
Emily M/ . . . Thornely  
Delila  
Others

Lived in Monongalia Co. Va. for a time after marriage, then moved to Pennsylvania for a short time then on to Monroe Co. Ohio. Some evidence points to his having operated some type of business in Monroe County for a time, probably in Salem or Ohio Twsp.

Ezekiel was involved in a Court case in Monongalia Co. 1802 for assault against Samuel Ralson (who married Mary Hoskinson Rude Wid. of Azariah in 1805) His Brothers Isaiah and Levi came into court on his behalf.

In 1805 Ezekiel and Mary' his wife sued Andrew Stewart for Slander, in Monongalia Co. Court. Also in 1805 Ezekiel sold, what he thought was his share of Azariah's land, subject to its final court settlement, to Samuel Knox. This sale was not finalized and settled until 1832 in Monongalia Co. Court and land records.

The last record of Ezekiel living in Monongalia County that I could locate was on David Scotts 1808 road workmen listings.

In 1819 and 1820 Ezekiel was sued in Tyler Co., Va. Court for nonpayment of a horse, by Josiah Thomas. The case was rather extensive and involved witnesses and depositions by Jeremiah Hoskinson, Abner Martin, James Hisson, Azariah Hoskinson JP and Isaac Baily JP, in Monroe Co. Ohio. This case also involved Wm Delashmutt, Van B. Delashmutt, Stephen Scott and James Hisson in Tyler Co. All friends relatives and acquaintances of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel lived the remainder of his life in Monroe County, Ohio.

**Lucy Hoskinson Swindler** b. Ca 1786, Monongalia Co., Va d. Ca 1877. Wood Co. Va. Age 95.

Married: Clayton Swindler, 29 Dec. 1808 Monongalia Co. Va.

Children: Henry  
Elizabeth M/Benjamin Brookhart  
Nancy M/George Wigal  
Samuel

Not much is known about the life of Lucy. She lived for a time in Monongalia Co. Va. after her marriage to Clayton Swinder. She was involved in the Court case of Mary Ralston 1812-14. She and Clayton moved to Wood Co. Va. Both died there.

**Sarah Hoskinson Martin** b. Ca 1788 Monongalia County, Va. Monroe County, Ohio.

Married: Abner Martin, 14 March 1803 in Washington County, Ohio by Phillip Whitten J. P.

Children: Washington  
James  
John W.  
Others

Sarah probably lived with her older sister Jane for some time after their father's death in Monongalia County, Va. At the time of her marriage in Ohio she may have been living with her older brother Jeremiah in Grandview Twsp, Washington Co. Ohio. Some evidence indicates that she and Abner died in Monroe Co., Ohio and are both buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

**Archibald Hoskinson** b-. Ca 1790 Monongalia County, Ohio.

d . .....

Married: Nancy Knight Ca 1810

Children: Elston b M/Charity Knight

Not much is known of Archibald. He served in war of 1812. Lived in Washington and Monroe Co. Ohio and is believed to have died there.

The writer believes that a significant amount of proof that this family is our genealogical line was noted in a Journal kept by Oliver Cromwell Hoskins who lived in Utah in 1869. Oliver was the oldest son of Elza Hoskins, who was the 2nd son of Jeremiah Hoskinson listed above. Elza was the brother of Azariah Hoskins of Vermilion County, Illinois. Oliver was born 17 May 1827 in Vermilion County and married Lucinda Howell in Iowa in 1846. Later in 1851 he joined the Mormon Church in Iowa. In 1862 he and Lucinda moved by wagon train to South Cottonwood, Utah from Iowa. Oliver was an elder of the Portage Branch of the Church and later was made Bishop of the Portage Ward. He kept a Journal, in which he listed many members of the families that he was related to, these included those of his father, mother, wife and many others. In his father's family he noted that his Grandparents were Jeremiah and Mary Hoskins, also Thomas and Mary Scott. He also noted his "Gran" fathers brothers; Isaiah, Jonathon, Azariah, Ezekiel and Archibald". He also listed Sarah and Jane Hoskins (two of his

Grand Fathers sisters) in the listing of the brothers. These people are all listed above in the family of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson. Oliver also mentioned his " Step Gran Mother" Fanny Scott on the same page, she being Fanny Scott, 2nd wife of Jeremiah above. This data was furnished to me by Mrs. Ella Nielson Hoskins of Layton, Utah, wife of Herman Hoskins a descendant of Oliver C. Hoskins.

I will also mention that while doing research in Monongalia County I attempted to find the burial site of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson, but was unsuccessful. I did locate and visit a cemetery a short distance from where Azariah Thomas Hoskinson had lived. This was found near the small, present day settlement of Hildebrand, a short distance southwest of Morgantown and just off road #45. It is quite possible that both Azariah and James

Hoskinson may have both been buried here. It is a very old cemetery and is currently still in use. Its old section still contained several legible stones and also gave indications that many were missing. Some of the existing stones were for revolutionary veterans and bore familiar names who had been friends, neighbors and acquaintances of the Hoskinsons, such as: Isaac Van Camp who died 2 March 1833, John Knox died at age 82 in January 1831, James Brand age 55 years who died 20 September 1811, and James Robinson in 1804.

This ends the record of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson.



# Fourth Generation

## James Hoskinson




### Time Line of History during James Hoskinson's Life

1710 – 1796

Date	Event	James' Age
1710	<b>Jane gives birth to a son James Hoskinson <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	0
1702-1714	Reign of Queen Anne (Stuart)	0-4
1714-1727	Reign of King George I (Hanover)	4-17
1727-1760	Reign of King George II (Hanover)	17-50
1735	<b>James receives Parcel of land "The Gift"</b>	25
1741	Slave revolt in New York, 2nd uprising	31
1743	1st settlement in S Dakota	33
abt. 1743	<b>James &amp; Elizabeth are married</b>	33
abt. 1742	<b>Azariah Thomas Hoskinson born <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	
1744	<b>Thomas James' Father more than likely died in Debtors Prison</b>	34
1752	Benjamin Franklin invents the lightning rod	42
1773	Boston Tea Party	63
1775-1783	American Revolutionary War against the British	65-73
1786	The Dollar is adopted	76
1787	Constitution is approved by the constitutional congress	77
1788	States begin to enter the Union	78
1789-1796	George Washington selected 1st President	79-86
1794	US Navy established	84
1796-1800	John Adams elected 2nd president of US	86
1796	<b>Last Record, James Leaves the Parcel "The Gift" to his Granddaughter</b>	86

# Fourth Generation

## Family Group Record for James Hoskinson

<b>Husband</b>	<b>James Hoskinson</b>			
Born	Abt 1710	Prince George, Co. Md.		
Died	1796	Monogalia Co., Va.		
Buried				
Father	Thomas Hoskinson Senior (Abt 1679-Abt 1743)		Mother	Jane Moore (Abt 1686- )
Marriage	Est 1743	<, Prince Georges, Maryland>		
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>			
Born				
Died				
Buried				
<b>Children</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Azariah Thomas Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1740-1742	, Prince George, Maryland, USA		
Died	Abt 1793	, Monongalia, Virginia, USA		
Buried				
Spouse	Mary (1755-Abt 1824)	Abt 1768-1770 - Prince George, Co. Md.		
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Jeptha Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1742-1743	Prince George, Co. Md.		
Died				
Buried				
Spouse	Sarah ( - )	Est 1770 - <, Prince Georges, Maryland>		
<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Jeremiah Hoskinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1744-1746	, Prince George, Co. Md.		
Died	Abt 1825	, Wayne, Ohio, USA		
Buried				
Spouse	Elizabeth Withers ( - )	Abt 1774 - , Berkley , Virginia, USA		
<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah Hoskinson</b>		Revolutionary War Vet 
Born	27 Dec 1749	, Prince Georges, Maryland, USA		
Died	25 Aug 1836	Franklin Twp, Licking, Ohio, USA		
Buried				
Spouse	Hannah Beard (1758-1836)	Abt 1780 - <Rock Creek Parrish, , Prince Georges, Maryland>		
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Basil Hoskinson</b>		 Revolutionary War Vet
Born	1752	, Prince George, Maryland, USA		
Died	1834	, Erie, Penn.		
Buried				
Spouse	Eleanor Downs ( - )	Abt 1773 - , , Maryland, USA		
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Ezekial Hoskinson</b>		Revolutionary War Vet 
Born	Abt 1754	, Prince George, Maryland, USA		
Died	Abt 1832			
Buried				
Spouse				
<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ann Elizabeth Hoskinson</b>		
AKA	Nancy			
Born	Abt 1757	Prince George, Co. Md.		
Died	Abt 1822	, Muskingom, Ohio, USA		
Buried				
Spouse	Fredrick Gyer ( - )	Abt 1775-1780		

**4. James HOSKINSON** (Thomas HOSKINSON , John , John ) was born about 1710 in Rock Creek Parish, Prince Georges County, Maryland. He died in 1796 in , Monongalia County, Virginia.

In his lifetime James was always noted as being a planter and later in his life a carpenter. Records indicate that he died in Monongalia County about May of 1796. Other than her name being Elizabeth it is not known who James married. It is also not known if Elizabeth was James first wife or his second, but he is believed to have first married in about 1738-39. Research never turned up anything adverse in the lives of James and Elizabeth, they were honest and dependable in their business dealings, paid their debts and raised their family to be good honest citizens. It is believed that the males were schooled enough to at least read and write as they were all able to sign their names to any documents that were necessary. James family is believed to have been somewhat religious as they read both the bible and the book of Wesley and most of their sons carried biblical first names.

The first mention of James Hoskinson was on 28 March 1717 in a deed of gift for a horse, given to him by his Godfather, James Moore Senior of Prince George County, Maryland who was also his Grandfather.

James Moore Senior  
To  
James Hoskinson

28 March 1717.

To all to whom these shall come KNOW YEE that I James Moore of Prince George County out of the love and affections I have to my God Son James Hoskinson, do give unto him and his heirs one bay mare with a star in her forehead, branded on the far buttock with a blotch brand resembling AN and on the rear buttock with T-L. Which said mare with all her increase I do hereby for me my heirs give and confirm to the said James Hoskinson and his heirs against the claims or demand of all persons what so ever: Witness my hand and seal this twenty eight day of March anno 1717.

Signed Sealed and Delivered presence of us: Testors: Robert Manfeld James Moore Junior  
Libr: "E" Folio 519 ML1  
Hall of Records, Annapolis.  
Prince George County, Maryland

On May 1717, soon after James Hoskinson received the horse, James Moore Sr. also gave his "cousins) Elinore and Mary Hoskinson a cow. At this point I have never been able to determine who Elinore and Mary were in the Hoskinson-Moore relationship. The deed of gift as follows:

James Moore Sr. to Elinor and Mary Hoskinson. Deed 4 May 1717

To all whom these shall com Know Yee that I James Moore in behalf of my son George Moore of Prince George's County out of the love and affections I have unto my couzons Elinor and Mary Hoskinson, I do give unto them and their heirs; one yellow cow, being marked on the right ear with over half of the ear cut off and the tip of the under half of the ear cut off, and under..... or cut out. The left ear being the upper half of the ear cut off a bitt of the top of the under half cut off. Which said cow with all her increase I do give and confirm to them the said Elinor and Mary Hoskinson and their heirs against the claims or demand of all persons what so ever. Witness my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May Anno 1717.

Liber: Folio page 518

Hall of Records, Annapolis

Prince George County, Maryland

James Moore Sr

(his)

George (X) Moore  
(mark)

The next mention of James was on the 1733 Rock Creek Hundred tax listing for Prince George County. On this he was shown as being "at Thomas Hoskinson's" place. George Moore and Thomas Dryden were also listed as being at the next two plantations. George Moore was a son and Thomas Dryden was a son-in-law of James Moore Senior.

Maryland Papers. Black Book. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1735, James Senior and Mary Moore gave their grandson James Hoskinson 50 acres of land called "The Gift" lying on the North West Branch of the Eastern Branch of the Potomack River. This was part of a 150 acre tract called "Barbadoes". In the deed it was specified that the land was given to James Hoskinson, subject to the use of his mother Jane Hoskinson until her death. A verbatim copy of the deed of gift is as follows:

JAMES HOSKINSON Deed of Gift Land Records 1735.

At the request of JAMES HOSKINSON the following deed of gift was recorded  
May twenty fourth day Anno Dom Seventeen Hundred Thirty five.

TO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come, I James Moore send greetings in our Lord God Everlasting Know Yee that I James Moore Senior afsd of Prince Georg County in the province of Maryland Planter for and in consideration of the love and good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my loving Gran Son James Hoskinson of this afsd County and province has also for and in consideration of the sum of ten pounds sterling money to me well and truly paid by my said grandson James Hoskinson and for which sum I do for myself my heirs exects and assignes discharge him the afsd James Hoskinson and for certain other valuable considerations hereunto us waving, have given granted and by these presents do freely, clearly and absolutely give and grant to the said James Hoskinson his heirs, exects or assigns, all that Parcel of land called the GIFT" lying on the North West Branch of the Eastern Branch of the Potomack River containing fifty acres being part of a tract of land called Barbadoes containing one hundred fifty acres; beginning at the first boulder of the afsd tract of land called Barbadoes and running South fifty perches, East Eighteen degrees South one hundred



and eighty two perches, North by East thirty nine perches then with a strate line to the first tree. Containing fifty acres, together with all its woods, underwoods, houses fences, gardens and all other improvements as all and singular the rent, profits, ways and passages, water courses, appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging and appertaining. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said parcel or tract of land afsd fifty acres and all the singular premisis and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said James Hoskinson his heirs (exect adid) and assigns from hence forth as his and their proper estate ever after, after the death of his mother Jane Hoskinson absolutely without any manner of condition as I the said James Moore have absolutely and of my own accord set and put in further testimony IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the ninth day of May in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and Five.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of: John Bealle Jos Chew James Moore llo

On the back of which deed of gift was this endorsement Prince George County May 9th 1735 THEN James Moore Party to the within deed and Mary his wife acknowledged the same together with the Lands and premises herein mentioned according as the act afsd absolutely directs before us.

May 9th 1735.

Then received of James Hoskinson the consideration within mentioned. Witness: John Beall Jos Chew 24 May 1735 received of M ... James Hoskinson two shillings the alienation of the within land for use.

Honorable Chas Ld Baltimore by ord. B Fery, W. TASKER Esq. Agnt. Wm Digges

Liber "T" Folio 270  
Hall of Records, Annapolis Prince George County, Maryland

At the same time that James Senior and Mary Moore gave James Hoskinson the 50 acres of land on the North West Branch of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, they also gave George Moore the remaining 100 acres of ("Barbadoes") then called "Sligo's Loss". James Moore Senior was into old age by this time and was probably in poor health, no doubt deeding some of his land and personal property to his children as a result. At this time James also gave land to Peter and Benjamin Moore, two of his other sons. He also gave his household goods and furnishings to Benjamin along with the land. He and Mary were probably living with Benjamin at the time. James Moore led a very active life in Prince George County in his years there. He was mentioned often in the records, owned considerable land and was well respected in the area. In 1708 he indicated that he was 62 years of age when he gave deposition in Land Commission hearing in Chancery Court. This was to prove the boundary of a tract of land called Proff's Lott that lay adjacent to a tract called Moores Plains, which James Sr. had owned at one time. This would have made James about 89 years of age in 1735, a very respectable age at any time. James Moore is believed to have come to America in 1660 from England.

Some of James and Mary Moores children were:

Willam	<i>married Rachel Medford</i>
George	<i>married Elizabeth Lucas</i>
	<i>married Elanore (1769 deed Eliz. &amp; Thos) Dryden.</i>
James Jr.	<i>married Allison</i>
John	
Jane	<i>married Thomas Hoskinson</i>
Mary	<i>married John Summers</i>
Peter	
Benjamin	

James Moore Senior purchased the tract of land called "Barbadoes" in 1713 which contained 150 acres. When I plotted out the survey runs and coordinates for both Hoskinsons Folly and James Hoskinsons part of Barbadoes, I found that Barbadoes lay adjacent to and nearly abutted Hoskinsons Folly on the South. Later in 1748-49 James Hoskinson applied for a resurvey of his land (50 Acres Barbadoes) to include a narrow strip of vacant and unclaimed land along his north line. After the resurvey was made James Hoskinsons land then abutted Hoskinsons Folly, both on the South and on the West.

In November 1739 James Hoskinson was summoned into Court on Duces Tecum Issuer, brought by Henry and Edward Trafford. James was ordered to produce a document or some instrument of writing. As already mentioned in the Thomas Hoskinson section, I believe this had some connection with the 1740 case of Traffords Vs Thomas Hoskinson. This was awarded against James. Liber X, Fol.549.

Later in 1747, James applied to the Provincial Land Commission for the resurvey of his property, which was to include a narrow strip of vacant and unclaimed land that lay between his and that of Hoskinsons Folly. This is found in "Petition to Reserve Liber BY & GS #3, Folio # 54. After several delays, this resurvey was finally completed in 1749 and an additional 90 acres was added to the original 50 acres that James received from his Grandfather. This was by land Certificate #140. Liber BY & GS #1, Folio #635.

As mentioned earlier, when I plotted out the survey runs and co-ordinates,. it was found that James Hoskinsons land "the gift" (Barbadoes) abutted Hoskinsons Folly on both its south and west sides. Also, I believe that the North West Branch of the Eastern Branch of the Potomack River flowed between Hoskinsons Folly and James Hoskinsons land. The remaining 100 acres, the part of Barbadoes that George Moore received, also abutted that of James Hoskinsons on the South.

In 1755 James Hoskinson was noted as having packed, prized and shipped tobacco for the estate of Charles Higgenbotham in Fredrick County Maryland. In 1756 it was noted that James Hoskinson received payment for this service.

In 1763 the Prince George County Estate records indicated that James Hoskinson owed the estate of John Smith Prather a sum of money as follows: PRINCE GEO. CO. MD.COURT RECORDS

Film LDS #0014282 No#1 1763 Page 18, 80 and 81. Estate Accounts Due of Wm Deakins and Elizabeth his wife, Executors of John Smith Prather for cash received and due to the Deceased Estate. Jan. 28, 1765 by Zach. Harris, /6/.

Samuel Sumsar 16, James Hoskinson 19. and others.

On 6 April 1765, James and Elizabeth Hoskinson mortgaged their land to Thomas Cramphin a Bladenburg Lawyer for the amount of Thirty Two pounds, Seven shillings and 7 Pence silver currency. Elizabeth released her dower in the land at the time. Repayment with interest was due on the first of August 1767. Later, on 18 February 1767 James and Elizabeth repaid this mortgage in the amount of Thirty Six Pounds, 10 Shillings and 5 Pence. I believe that this mortgage was probably taken out to pay the debt, at least in part, to the John Smith Prather estate. After James and Elizabeth paid off this mortgage they again received clear title to their land.

By 1769 some of those whom I consider to have been James Hoskinson's children and those who moved with him to Berkeley County, Va., began to appear in the Prince George County, Maryland records. The first was Azariah Thomas Hoskinson who appeared on a certificate of Astray in 1769, Involving five stray horses. Then came Jephtha in 1771 on a Bill of Sale and later in 1775 Isaiah Hoskins appeared on an Estate Listing of people who owed debts to the Estate of Michael Binci. James, Azariah and Jephtha were also listed in this same ledger. Estate Inventories Bk #1, page 315.

On 23 December 1772 James and Elizabeth sold One Hundred Twenty Seven and one half acres of their land, Giliard (Barbadoes), with a half acre reserved as a burying place. This was sold to Samuel Shekill of Ann Arundell County, Maryland, with Elizabeth releasing her right of Dower in the land at the time. They received One Hundred Fifty Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings Sterling in hand for the property. As James reserved 1/2 acre for a burying ground in this sale of Giliard (or Giliad), it might be assumed that both Thomas Senior and Jane Moore Hoskinson are both buried there. This sale left 12 1/2 acres reaming as unsold of their original 140 acres which may have contained the house where they had been living. James and Elizabeth were no doubt contemplating on leaving the area, but may have continued to live there for awhile longer after the sale of their other land. This sale was also in close proximity to that of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson, who had already sold his land, Hoskins Lott, on 14 September 1772. Azariah's land lay on a branch of the Sligo a short distance north from where James Hoskinsons land was located. This might seem to indicate that both Azariah and James had planned to leave the area together, as nothing more was found in the Prince George County records pertaining to them after that, with the exception of a few unpaid debts to some deceased persons Estates. Prince George County, Maryland Deeds Liber BB #3, Folio #144-145-146. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.

The next notice of Azariah and James was when they turned up in Berkeley County, VA. in 1777/78. By this time Basil and Jeremiah Hoskinson had already preceded them there, these two were first listed in Berkeley County, Virginia Court records on 17 March 1774. Later Jephtha, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Mathew and Nancy Geyer (w/o Fredrick) also turned up in the same area near

Bath, Va. (now Berkeley Springs, WVa.). Isaiah, Basil and Ezekiel served in the Virginia Revolutionary War Militia while living in, Berkeley County.

The first mention of James Hoskinson in Berkeley County, Va. was on 18 August 1778 when he purchased 200 acres of land from Abraham Davenport by indenture of Lease and Release. The writer believes that the Davenports and Hoskinsons were well acquainted prior to the purchase, as both had been living in Prince George County, Maryland before moving to Berkeley Co. Va. This 200 acres was located on Dry Run, a draft of Warm Springs Run, of the Potomack River, and lay about two miles north of Bath, Va. It was part of a 400 acre land grant that Davenport had received in 1775 from the Governor of Virginia. As the 200 acres was purchased by indenture of Lease and Release, James may have been living there for awhile prior to his actual purchase. Berkeley County, Virginia Land Deed Book #5, Pages 66-67-68.

During his stay of about ten or eleven years in Berkeley County, Va. James was involved in several small court cases, most involving debts that were owed him. These cases seem to point to James as having been into some type of business, possibly with Isaiah as he too was in a number of similar law suits in this same time frame. In my opinion almost all of the Hoskinson people that were on record in Berkeley County in the 1770's and 1780's were the children of James. These were: Azariah, Jephtha, Jeremiah, Mathew, Isaiah, Basil, Ezekiel and Nancy Geyer. Also, with the exception of Basil and Ezekiel all of these people later ended up in Monongalia County, Virginia, just ahead of James. Basil went to Brownsville, in Fayette County, Pa. and Ezekiel to Mississippi.

Between August 1782 and January 1783, James sold the remaining 12 1/2 acres of land that he still owned in Prince George County, Md., to John Schofield of Montgomery County, Maryland. This was done by power of attorney. Elizabeth did not sign a release of Dower, which might indicate that she had died prior to that time. This is recorded in the Prince George County,

Maryland Deed Book, 1783. Liber Folio 282-283.

Also, after James arrived in Berkeley County, Basil Hoskinson applied for a land grant of 216 acres that was surveyed in 1779. This land lay next to that of James Hoskinson on Warm Springs Run. The Grant is as follows:

BERKELEY COUNTY, VA. LAND GRANT BOOK T, Page 290-291

Northern Neck Surveys #1 Page 269. Richmond, Val. 1788-1789 BEVERLY RANDOLPH Esq. Gov. Va. To BASIL HOSKINSON

10 March 1789: BEVERLY RANDOLPH, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS: KNOW YE, that by virtue of a Warrant specified from the late Lord Proprietors Office of the Northern Neck, and in consideration of the Ancient Composition of one pound five shillings sterling paid by Basil Hoskinson into the Treasury of the Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Basil Hoskinson a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and sixteen acres, by survey dated the 12 May 1779, lying and being in the County of Berkeley, adjoining



James Hoskinson and other tracts on the Warm Springs run and bounded as followeth, to Witt: Beginning at two pines on a hill side, corner to his Lordships four hundred and sixty acres and the Boyles Seventy four and three hundred and seventy acre tracts. Thence along the lines of the three hundred and seventy two acres, North 47 degrees East 340 poles to a pine on a naked hill, North 43 degrees West 16 poles to a black oak sapling in William and Henry Boyles line Christopher Ault corner, thence along his reversed South 69 degrees East 32 poles to a white oak and hickory, thence south 25 degrees West 38 poles to a white Oak and Chesnut oak on the North side of a hill. Aretti and Abraham Davenport Corner thence along Davenports and Hoskinsons line taken together, South 22 degrees West 300 poles to a black oak on George Brents line and along it reversed South 80 degrees West 48 poles to a white oak his corner and chesnut oak on the north side of a hill corner to Brents and his Lordships tracts, thence along a line of the same North 47 degrees West one hundred and fifty poles to the beginning, with its appurtenances .....

BERKELEY COUNTY, VA. LAND GRANT SURVEY BOOK#1, Page 269  
Richmond, Va

LAND SURVEY - BASIL HOSKINSON - Northern Neck Survey

Received 26 June 1788.

Grant Issued 10 March 1789 Authority Beverly Randolph Esq. Gov

Va. 216 Acres, Executed 12, May 1779.

Chain Carriers: Lewis & James Hoskinson Richrd Rigg, Surv.

In 1788 James sold his 200 acres of land on Dry Run, by mortgage, based on five annual payments for five years, to Patrick McKelvey. McKelvey finished paying off this mortgage in 1794 and James released the mortgage by power of attorney. This P/A was handled by his good friend and son-in-law, Fredrick Gyer. James was then living in Monongalia County, either with or close to the Gyer family. The Gyers were from Washington Co., Maryland but had lived in Berkeley Co., near James Hoskinson at the time he was there.

On 14, December 1795, James Hoskinson gave all of his household goods and livestock to his Granddaughter, Ann Elizabeth Gyer, by Deed of Gift, as follows:

MONONGALIA CO., VA. DEED OF GIFT BOOK#V-1 Env.1A Page 194  
14 December 1795.

James Hoskinson To Granddaughter ANN ELIZABETH GYER.

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I James Hoskinson do send greetings: Know Ye that I the said James Hoskinson of the County of Monongalia and State of Virginia Carpenter for and in consideration of the natural love and good will and affection which I have and do bear toward by loving Grand Daughter Ann Elizabeth Gyer of the County and State Aforesaid and the sum of five shillings current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the receipt whereof the said James Hoskinson doth hereby acknowledge. Hath given and granted and by these presents doth freely give and grant unto the said Ann Elizabeth Gyer her heirs and

assigns, after the decease of him the said James Hoskinson, one black cow and heifer, one black ditto and red ditto marked with two staple forks in each ear, one bed, bedsted and furniture and pewter dish and six plates to be for her the said Ann Elizabeth Gyer own proper use to her and her heirs, an inventory of which articles have delivered unto her before the sealing and signing of these presents signed with my own hand and bearing date 14 December 1795. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said four head of cattle together with their increases, one bed, bedstead and furniture, one pewter dish and six plates to her the said Ann Elizabeth Gyer and her heirs and assigns forever: IN WITNESS whereof the said James Hoskinson hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the 14 day of December in the year of our Lord 1795.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of:

James Brand Thomas Barns

James Hoskinson

1795 Then received of the within named Ann Elizabeth Gyer the sum of five shillings it being consideration within mentioned by the (hands of Dec-14) Gyer her father.

By Me James Hoskinson

Witnesses Present: Thomas Barns

DISTRICT COURT holden at Monongalia Court House May term 1796. This deed of gift from James Hoskinson to Ann Elizabeth Gyer was proved by the oath of James Brand a witness thereto and ordered recorded. Teste:Williams Clerk of Court

The deed of gift by James Hoskinson to Ann Elizabeth Gyer, his granddaughter, was the last mention of James in the Monongalia Co., Va. records that I could locate. As the Court acknowledged and recorded the deed in the May 1796 term, the writer believes that it is reasonable to assume that James had died just prior to that time.

#### **Children of James and Elizabeth:**

**Azariah Thomas Hoskinson** b. abt. 1740/42 in Prince George County, Maryland. Died abt. 1790/95 in Monongalia County, Va. He was a proven brother of Isaiah Hoskinson in court case of Mary Hoskinson Vs her children and Isaiah regarding her land Dower Monongalia County, Va. 1802/14. Married Mary abt. 1768/70 in Prince George County, Maryland. b. ...?? d abt. 182.. Monongalia County, Va.

**Jeptha Hoskinson** b. abt. 1742/43 in Prince George County, Md. d... Married Sarah.... Not much is known about Jeptha, he was first noted in Prince George Co., Md. on 23 August 1771 in a bill of sale between Luke Woodard, his employer and Jeptha. Woodard owed Jeptha wages and pledged one mare and a colt if not paid by next 10 February. Recorded 21 Sept. 1771 Prince George Co., Book #AA2 page 296

Jeptha was listed owing debts to the estate of Wait Hill Singleton Church, 27 May 1776. Also listed was James Hoskinson and Thomas Hoskinson. Court Records of Prince George Co., Md.

Jeptha was also listed on the 1783 tax list for Berkley Co., Va. with Basil, James and Mathew Hoskinson.

Land Entry Hoskinson, Jeptha on 9 Nov. 1781 for 100 acres on Dunkard Creek (Monongalia Co., Va.) LDS Film 016392

Court case in Berkley Co., Va. 19 March 1785, Robert Hulse Pltf. Vs Jeptha Hoskinson Def. for debt. Again on 25 August 1785.

1806 Petition by Dunkard Creek Residents for road to Isaac Camps School House. Elias and Jeptha Hoskinson signed. Monongalia Co., Va. Camp lived adjacent to Jeremiah, Azariah and Isaiah Hoskinson during the 1790's and early 1800's.

1807 Marriage: John Watkins and Jemima Hoskinson in the community and moved with them from Prince George Co., Va.. He acted as witness on several of their papers.

**Jeremiah Hoskinson** b. abt. 1744/46 in Prince George County, Maryland d. abt. 182... Wayne County, Ohio. Married Elizabeth Withers abt. 1774 in Berkley County, Va.

ELIZABETH was the daughter of William and Rachel Withers. Wm Withers was a Blacksmith, in or near the town of Bath, Va. (now Berkley Springs, W. Va.) He owned considerable land in and around Bath. Wm died in 1785, Rachel was the Admin. Of the Will Bk#1, page 395. Inventory page 413. He bequeathed his daughter Elizabeth Hoskins, Lot #3 in town of Bath and 229 acres on Sleepy Creek, in Berkley Co., Va. ELIZABETH and JEREMIAH sold the 229 acres of land on Sleepy Creek, in Berkley Co., Va. By a Basil Hoskinson, who handled the sale for them on 6 April 1795. (This Basil was probably the oldest son of Jeremiah, who was no doubt old enough by this time to handle a transaction of this nature for his parents). Elizabeth was named Daughter of William Withers and Jeremiah was identified as her husband in the deed. Deed Book #12 page-90-91, Berkley Co., Va. (this deed not indexed in book).

Jeremiah was first noted in Berkley Co., Va. 17 March 1774 in Court Case "Basil Hoskinson Assee of Jeremiah Hoskinson Pltf. Vs Richard Beeson Def. Debt. (This Basil believed to be the brother of Jeremiah, both sons of James Hoskinson).

Jeremiah Hoskinson also appeared on a petition for a new state in SW Pa., this petition was not dated but believed it to be about 1780-82 in Pa., Isaiah, George, Samuel and Azariah Hoskinson also appeared on the same petition.

He received a land patent 2 Nov. 1785 in Monongalia Co., Va. For 324 acres. Assee Isaiah Huskinson who was assignee of Robert Snodgrass on Scotts Meadow Run. Deed Book #2 Page 192 Monongalia Co., Va. Land Survey in Book #3 page 611. Chain Bearers were Thomas Wate and Azariah Hoskinson. 7 Feb. 1775.

Jeremiah, Isaiah and Azariah Hoskinson were 1787-88 Tax lists of Monongalia Co., Jeremiah also on Berkley land tax lists until 1792.

He and Elizabeth lived on their 1785 Land patent land until 1820's, they then moved to Wayne Co., Ohio. During then moved to Wayne Co., Ohio. During their stay in Monongalia Co. Jeremiah also on Berkley land tax lists until 1792.

He and Elizabeth lived on their 1785 Land patent land until the 1820's, they then moved to Wayne Co., Ohio. During their stay in Monongalia County he made several land transactions and one State Land Commission re-survey of this land on Scotts Meadow Run. This tract of land seemed to be the only one that he ever owned in the area and all of his land dealings seemed to revolve around that. His property lay next to that. Of Isaiah, Azariah and Fredrick Gyer.

In 1804 one of his sons Basil, obtained license to operate an Ordinary (*chiefly British : a tavern or eating house serving regular meals*) in Monongalia Co., Jeremiah signed the bond for this. In 1805 this venture failed and Basil left the area. Jeremiah had to pay the bond and the amount owing. It is believed Basil went to Kentucky.

There is some evidence that Jeremiah ran a saw mill and built boats for the Monongalia and Ohio River trade. He was well known in the community and was involved in a number of Court cases, road petitions, juries and was road surveyor (maintainer) for a time. He was also involved with the other Hoskinsons in Community affairs from time to time.

Some of the children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth were: Basil, Mary who married John Leggett, James who married Mary (proven son), William (Proven Son), Elizabeth Ann who married Thomas Legget, Rebecca who married Lewis Morris, Catherine who married Enoch Gilbert, Judy who married William Hawkins, Isaac E. who married #1 ...Riggs #2 Lucy Tomlinson (both Tyler Co., Va.

**Isaiah Hoskinson** (Sr.) b. 27 December 1749, in Prince George County, Maryland. d. 25 August 1836 in Licking County, Ohio. Married abt. 1780 to Hannah Beard, b. 1 May 1758 in Frederick Co., Va. d. 1 November 1836 in Licking Co., Ohio.

Hannah Beard was the daughter of Andrew and Rachel Beard of Fredrick Co., Va. Andrew died and left a will 1 February 1765, bequeathing to his three daughters, Hannah. Lidia, and Rebecca, 200 acres in Berkley Co., next to John Beard, Lord Thomas Fairfax and others. Rachel Beard remarried to John Tate. Beards Will: Will Book#3, page 263 in Fredrick County, Va. Inventory in WILL book #3 Page 429. Both are also in Richmond, Va. State Archives Library.

On 3 March 1792 Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson his wife of Monongalia Co., Va., Andrew Beard and Lidia his wife of Franklin Co., Pa. and Samuel Tolly and Rebecca his wife of Westmorland Co., Pa. jointly sold this land to George Chapman of Berkley Co., Va. The WILL of Andrew Beard was mentioned in the deed, advising its location in Fredrick Co., Va. and that Andrew had bequeathed the land to his three daughters. As none of the three woman could travel to Berkley Co. for the land sale each one was examined and sworn for the release of her dower in the respective County Courts where she lived. In Monongalia Co. Isaiah and Hannah signed and



spelled their name to these documents as Hoskinson. Berkley Co., Deed Book #11 pgs 308-311. This deed not listed in the index.

I believe that the Berkley County Court Clerk spelled the name as Hodskinson through error when copying the deed documents into the record books.

First mention of Isaiah Hoskinson was found in Court Order Book #3 for Berkley Co., Va. dated 19 May 1777. Azariah and Basil were also both in Court on 20 May 1777, indicating that the three probably traveled the distance from near Bath, to Martinsburg together.

On 9 November 1791, Isaiah purchase 382 acres on west side of Monongahela River in Monongalia Co., Va. from State of Virginia, next to lands of Henry Stephens and Thomas Clare. All of Isaiah's later land dealings in Monongalia Co., Va. revolved around this tract of land.

Isaiah was in Court many times, for various reasons while living in Berkley Co., Va. He was on Jury, suing for debt, or was being sued , from 1777 to 1795.

Isaiah was a Revolutionary soldier. First joining as a volunteer in Martinsburg, Va. in August of 1777 or 1778 under Capt John Baldwin for 6 months. Marched to Pittsburg and joined forces under General Hand, then to Wheeling (Fort Henry) on the Ohio river. Was discharged in the spring and returned to Berkley Co. In the following fall he again volunteered for another 6 months under Henry Ambross. Marched to mouth of Big Beaver Creek on the Ohio where they built Fort McIntosh. Came under command of Gen. McIntosh and marched 100 miles into Indian Country and built Fort Lawrence on the Tuscarora River. Later returned home after serving 4 months on this tour. Did not again serve. In November 1832 Isaiah applied for a soldiers pension in Licking Co., Ohio, naming basil as his brother. #S16157.

Isaiah and Hannah remained in the Monongalia, Co., Va. area until 1805, at which time they moved to Licking Co., Ohio. Prior to their moving, in 1801 Mary Hoskinson Rude, widow of Azariah Thomas Hoskinson, brought suit against Isaiah, Jane Hoskinson Wilson and her husband John Beckett Wilson and Azariah Thomas's other children. This was an attempt to claim her dower in 100 acres of land that she said Isaiah Hoskinson had sold to her husband in his lifetime. It being a part of the 382 acres of land that Isaiah purchased from the State of Virginia in 1791 in Monongalia Co., Va. This suit was extensive and ran to 1814-15 before it was settled, in which she said that Azariah Hoskinson was a brother to Isaiah and also named all of Azariah's children many times. Papers for tis Court case can be found in Box #57, envelope #202 Univ. of Wva. Library, Morgantown, WV. Or LDS Film #0207193.

The children of Isaiah and Hannah Hoskinson were: James Madison b. 6 Feb. 1781 married Nancy Nichols, Rachel married Samuel McKelvey, Andrew married Sarah Beard, Elizabeth married John Beard, John married Lydia Patterson, Jane married Thomas Parr, Hannah married Armsted Layton, Rebecca married Anthony Dusthimer, Isaiah Jr. (Josiah) Married Rachel Patterson Sister of Lydia.

**Basil Hoskinson** b. 19 March 1752 in Prince George Co., Maryland. d. 9 September 1834 in Erie, Pa. Rev War Vet. Served with Isaiah and Ezekiel, Berkley County, Va. 1777/78.

Basil was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 4 proven Hoskinson brothers. The first mention of Basil was in a Court case in Berkley Co., Va. 17 March 1774. Basil Hoskinson Assee of Jeremiah Hoskinson Pltf. Vs Richard Beeson Def. Debt. Court Order Book, Berkley Co., Va. Bk #2 Page 223-224. WV. Archives film #144 V1&2.

During the remainder of the 1770's Basil Hoskinson had several other Court encounters for various reasons, most of these involved debts.

Basil was a Rev. War Vet. #W753 (Nat. Archives film Serv. Micro Copy #804 Film Roll #1332 Enlisted near Martinsburg in Berkley Co., Va. about 1 Sept. 1777 or 1778, in the U.S. militia under General Hand, Captain Baldwin and David Price. Marched to Oldtown, Maryland and from there to Uniontown, Pa. and on to Pittsburg and from Pittsburg to Wheeling in Va. on the Ohio river. One soldier in the campaign was killed by the Indians. Then from Wheeling up river 12 miles to Beech Bottom Fort, where they remained. He remained there until discharged and then returning home to near Martinsburg in Berkley co. in March. This tour was with his brothers Isaiah and Ezekiel. Basil volunteered again in the fall of 1778 or 1779 for another tour of 3 months and was marched to Fort McIntosh, but returned due to inclement weather and was discharged in January after entering. Applied for pension at Erie, Pa., 7 August 1832.

Basil was on the 1783 Tax list for Berkley Co., and also in court appearances in 1784 and 1785.

On 22 March 1786, Basil Hoskinson and Cornelius Conway came in to Court, Berkley Co. Va. on behalf of Ezekiel Hoskinson. Basil and Cornelius to pay if Ezekiel could not. Court Order Book #7 Page 382.

Berkley co., Va. Land office treasury warrant #37 dated 17 Dec. 1787 for 496 acres to Smith Slaughter and Basil Hoskinson on drains of Potomack.

On 17 March 1788 Basil purchased a horse called Liberty from his brother Ezekiel. Ezekiel had purchased this horse from Captain Ephriam Worthington. Bill of sale registered in Berkley Co., Court Book #8, page 285. Witt: by Martin Howard and Wm Howard. On 10 March 1789 Basil received 216 acres from State of Va. by Beverly Randolph Gov. on Warm Springs Run, Berkley Co. This land lay along the property lines of James Hoskinson, Henry Boyles, Christopher Ault, Wm Boyles and Abraham Davenport. Land Book T, Page 290-291. Also recorded in the Northern Neck Surveys Book #1, Page 269 Richmond, Va. Survey Rcd 26 June 1788. Chain Bearers: Lewis and James Hoskinson.

Basil Hoskinson moved to Brownsville, Fayette Co. Pa. in 1790 from Berkley Co., Va. He returned to Berkley on several occasion to handle business dealings.

Basil sold his 216 acres in Berkley Co. on Warm Springs Run, to Henry Boyles on 18 Dec 1792. Deed Book #11, pages 56-57-58.

Basil lived in Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., where he died blind in 1834

Ezekiel Hoskinson: b. abt. 1754 in Prince George County, Maryland. d. before 1832.  
Revolutionary War Veteran served with Isaiah and Basil 1777/78 Berkley County, Va. MARRIED:  
Unknown

First mention of Ezekiel Hoskinson was on 22 April 1778 when he was on Jury Duty at the same time that Azariah Hoskinson was. Berkley County Court. Berkley Co. Court Order book. LDS Film 0831289.

Basil Hoskinson mentioned in his Revolutionary War Pension application papers 1832, that brothers Isaiah and Ezekiel both served with him on his first tour of duty in U.S. Militia, from Martinsburg, Va. in fall and winter 1777-1778.

On 22 March 1786. Basil Hoskinson and Cornelius came into Court for Ezekiel Hoskinson in the case of Wm Breedy Vs Ezekiel Hoskinson Def. Debt. If Ezekiel could not pay, they would. Court Order Book #7, Berkley Co., Va. page 382, 25 March 1786.

On March 1788. Ezekiel Hoskinson sold his brother Basil Hoskinson a horse, gray gelding called Liberty that he had purchased from Capt. Ephriam Worthington. Deed Book #8, page 285. Berkley Co., Va.

It is believed that Ezekiel left the area soon after the horse sale and went to Natchez in Jefferson County, Mississippi with James Carmichael and possibly Brian Bruin of Berkley Co., Va. Both Brian Bruin and Ezekiel Hoskinson witnessed a deed there for Phoebe Goodwin to Henry Manadue on 17 December 1788. Ezekiel, Bruin and also Carmichael signed and witnessed several other deeds and papers there through 31 March 1804. On 31 March 1804 a claim for 370 acres of land in Claiborne County on waters of Bayou Pierre by Ezekiel Hoskinson and James Carmichael was rejected. This from abstracts of early records, Natchez, Mississippi Court Records 1767-1805. A Brian Bruin was mentioned many times in Berkley County Virginia land and Court records in the 1770-1780's. Nothing more is known about Ezekiel Hoskinson after 1805.

**Ann Elizabeth (Nancy) Hoskinson Gyer:** b abt 1757 in Prince George County, Maryland d. abt 1822 Muskingom County, Ohio. Married Fredrick Gyer abt 1775/80 Gyer from Washington County, Maryland.

Ann Elizabeth apparently married Fredrick Gyer soon after James and Elizabeth moved to Berkley Co., Va. She and Fredrick remained there up until about 1788, when they moved to Monongalia Co., Va. where Jeremiah, Jephtha, Azariah and Isaiah already were. James moved with them after he sold his land in Berkley in 1788. He may have lived with them, or nearby, until his death in 1796. They and James seemed very close at the time, as James gave Fredrick Gyer Power of Attorney to make the final settlement in the Mortgage sale of his land in Berkley Co. in 1794. James also gave his household goods and live stock to his Granddaughter Ann Elizabeth Gyer just before his death in 1796.

Fredrick Gyer was involved in a Court case to collect a debt by selling a horse in Berkley Co. in 1785. Debt owed by Reuben Pribble. (much later Reuben ended up in Vermilion Co., Ill. 1825-

30, as a very old man, close to Azariah and Elza Hoskins). Azariah raised a step-daughter named Clarinda Pribble. Fredrick Gyer also on Berkley Co., tax list for 1787-88. Gyer did not seem to have owned any land in Berkley Co.

In 1800 Fredrick Gyer purchased 69 acres from Issac Van Camp, in Monongalia Co., Va. on West side of Monongalia River. Van Camps land where this tract was located lay next to Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Azariah Hoskinsons land. Witt: Jeremiah Hoskinson, Jephtha Hoskinson, and Adam Camp. Monongalia Deed Book B, Pages 473-475.

Later in 1806 Fredrick and Nancy Guire (Gyer) sold 100 acres on Big Indian Creek to James Arnette, on West side of Monongalia River. Monongalia Co., Va. Deed Book #3, Page 540

After this sale, Fred and Nancy (Ann Elizabeth) moved to Muskingom Co., Ohio. Fredrick died there in 1822, leaving a will in which his children were named.

Children of Ann Elizabeth Hoskinson Gyer named in Fredrick Gyers will of 1822 were: Ann Alizabeth married Camp, Mary Married Gay, George Gyer, James Gyer, Catherine married Sanford Ramey, Ruth married Abraham Hooper.

James Hoskinson no doubt had other Children. It is also possible that Elizabeth was his second wife and that they may have had some children that were younger than those listed. Although the family of James constituted most of the Hoskinsons that were in Berkley County, Va. During the 1770's and the 1780's, there was also a younger James, Lewis, and Mathew. It is possible that they could have been younger sons of James. By the 1790's there was also a George, Elias, Josiah, and Hugh Hoskinson in Monongalia County, all of whom are believed to have come from Prince George's and Montgomery County, Maryland and were probably related to the family of James in some way.

[Research by Robert J. Hoskins, North Carolina]

## **Our Kentucky Kinfolk**

Another one of the son's of Thomas Hoskinson Sr was Thomas Hoskinson Jr.

This line of the Hoskins Family was researched by David Paul Hoskins of Houston, Tx. Although his research did not show evidence and have final proof, David strongly believed this was our Kentucky Kinfolk side of the Hoskins Family tree.

The following is some excerpts from "Kentucky Kinfolk" by David Hoskins found on the internet. *He also quotes... Much of the information on the Hoskins in Southeastern Kentucky is derived from the research of Raymond E. HOSKINS of Decatur, Tennessee. "Hoskins Cousins From Southeastern Kentucky - Part I":*



The Hoskins of Southeastern Kentucky originated in England as Hodgkinson's. Thomas Hodgkinson (Sr.) arrived in Maryland in 1700 where he served a four year indenture. By 1722 when he was granted 100 acres in Prince Georges County the spelling of the family name had become Hoskinson. When at least four of his grandsons; John, Jesse, Josiah and Ninian left for Virginia and North Carolina the name was shortened to Hoskins. There are at least three variations on the spelling that evolved: Hoskins, Haskins and Hauskins.

The vast majority of Hoskins of Southeastern Kentucky descend from one family - John Hoskins (Sr.) and Ruth Lloyd. That being the case, the descendants of this family have been well documented. Those few other Hoskins who arrived in Kentucky in the early 1800's are the of concern in this article.

A brief discussion of the early Knox County, Kentucky records might illuminate the problem. In the 1800 Knox County tax records are recorded the following Hoskins: Jesse Hawskins, John Hawskins Sr., John Hawskins Jr., Ezekiel Hawskins and Thomas Hoskins. John Hoskins Sr. was the father of the other Hoskins listed. The following couple of years the list looked much the same except the spelling became Hoskins which it remained thereafter. In 1804 Ninnion Hoskins appeared. It is unclear whether the Ninian Hoskins who appeared was Ninian Sr. or Ninian Jr. but, whichever it was, he was either the brother of John Hoskins Sr. or the nephew. In the 1805 Knox County Sheriffs report on tax delinquencies Ninnion and Jesse Hoskins were reported to have returned to Tennessee.

In the tax rolls of 1805 two new Hoskins appeared; John (A.) Hoskins and Josiah Hoskins. At the moment it is uncertain how these two relate to the Hoskins already in Knox County. From subsequent records both John A. and Josiah Hoskins were born ca 1784/86 so it is possible they were already in Knox County but did not appear on the tax rolls until they turned twenty one. Also appearing that year was George (Henderson) Hoskins, another son of John and Ruth Lloyd Hoskins. It was in this year that John Hoskins Sr. and John Hoskins Jr. traveled to the Ohio River for a couple of years. It has been claimed by Carlo B. Hoskins that they were accompanied by Ezekiel and Jesse Hoskins but there has been no documentation found to support this. Both John Hoskins Sr. and John Hoskins Jr. appeared on Adams County, Ohio tax rolls in 1806 and 1807. It was also where John Junior's eldest son, Ezekiel was born in 1805. Both of these men returned to Knox County by 1809.

In the year 1806 Ninian Hoskins once again appears and this time it was Ninian Hoskins Jr. He resided in Knox County until 1814 when he moved to Crawford County, Indiana. Upon arriving in Indiana, this family's name was spelled Haskins. Also appearing that year was Ninian's older brother, Elisha. He remained only that year before moving north and eventually settling in Spencer County, Indiana. Given the time of their appearance in Knox County and their ages, I suspect that John A. and Josiah Hoskins were brothers of Ninian and Elisha Hoskins. However, there has been no documentation found to support this fact. It is certain that they were not sons of John and Ruth Lloyd Hoskins.

The 1810 Knox County census listed several Hoskins heads of household. One point worth noting is that there was only one Hoskins household that had any male "children" listed as over ten years of age. This was Thomas Hoskins who had a son, Thomas Hoskins Jr. who was listed

as 10 - 16. I make this point to illustrate a major dilemma that I have. Early research done on the Hoskins family indicated that Levi Hoskins (my third great grandfather) was the son of a Thomas Hoskins Sr. and that he had a brother named Thomas Jr. Levi Hoskins was born ca 1794/96 and should have been listed in the 1810 Knox County census as over the age of ten if he was a son of Thomas Hoskins. It is clear from the listing for Thomas Hoskins that only one male over the age of ten was listed, not two.

The information that led to the belief that Levi's father was Thomas Hoskins Sr. and that he had a brother, Thomas Hoskins Jr., had to do with an 1845 deed which stated that "Levi and wife Sally, Hiram and wife Polly, Thomas and wife Patsy, and William Hoskins" were sons of Thomas Hoskins. That deed, found by Carlo Brittain Hoskins in the early 1900's, led other researchers to believe that Levi's father was a Thomas Hoskins. They believed that "Levi and wife Sally" referred to Levi Hoskins and his wife Sarah "Sally" Miracle. The reference to "Thomas and wife Patsy" was a key problem since Thomas Hoskins Jr. married Elizabeth "Betsy" Brewster. This deed was actually referring to the sons of Thomas (Jr.) and Elizabeth Brewster Hoskins. Thomas Hoskins Jr. died early in 1830 before the census was taken, evidenced by the fact that Elizabeth Hoskins was listed as head of household. In records of the 1831 Harlan County Court the clerk was ordered to settle with the administrators of Thomas Hoskins, deceased.

Thomas Junior's sons: Levi married Sarah (Sally) Burns, Hiram married Mary (Polly) Hendrickson, Thomas married Martha (Patsy) Knox and William Hoskins. They settled the deed in 1845 when William reached the age of 21. Levi and Sarah Burns Hoskins remained in Harlan/Bell Co. while Hiram and Polly Hendrickson Hoskins went to Missouri where he died in 1862 serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. Thomas and Patsy Knox Hoskins traveled to Missouri then on to Kansas where he fought for the Union in the Civil War. I do not know what became of William Hoskins but he and brother Thomas were in Pulaski County, Kentucky for the 1850 census.

Levi Hoskins first appeared on the Knox County tax rolls in 1817 when he paid tax on 20 acres on Pucketts Creek. The following year he paid tax on property on Brownies Creek. The earliest record I can find for Levi was his marriage to Sarah Miracle on 20 June 1816 in Knox County.

Since Levi Hoskins was not counted in a Hoskins household during the 1810 Knox County census, I am wondering if he may have been listed in the home of a stepfather. Part of that reasoning is that there was a Moses Hoskins born ca 1798/99 who married in Clay County, Kentucky in 1819 to a Margaret Clements (Helton), a widow. His permission to marry was signed by a Robert Williams, his stepfather. I found this Robert Williams in Knox County on the 1809 tax rolls. He also may have been the "Bat" Williams who was listed in the 1810 Knox County census but this is not certain. If this Bat was Robert Williams, he had two males listed as 10 -16 and one under 10.

One key point of the census listing is that Bat Williams was listed as 26 - 44 with the female listed as over 45. Robert Williams eventually turned up in Perry County, Kentucky in 1821. Moses Hoskins resided in a portion of Perry County that eventually became Magoffin County. The second key feature of the census listing was the younger male listed as under 10 years of age. A William Hoskins, born 1800/01, also resided in Perry County who had tentatively been

identified as a son of Thomas Hoskins Sr. I now believe that this William Hoskins was more likely another stepson of Robert Williams. What has not been determined is the possible biological father and mother of Moses Hoskins.

There is evidence of other Hoskins, traveling with John, Jesse, Ninian and Josiah Hoskins in the 1770's and 1780's in Washington County, North Carolina. Washington County, North Carolina became the state of Tennessee in 1796. This is a different county altogether from current day Washington County, North Carolina. In 1783 a Thomas Hoskins witnessed a deed for John and Ruth Hoskins when they sold property to Samuel Tate in Washington County. Thomas, the son of John and Ruth Hoskins, was born ca 1768 and at age 15 would probably have been too young to be a valid witness to such a deed. In 1787 a Thomas Hoskins was taxed for one poll in the same county, indicating a birth date of at least 1766 or before. Again, this Thomas Hoskins would be too old to be the son of John and Ruth Lloyd Hoskins. Anthony Hoskins, a well known Hoskins researcher, speculates that this Thomas Hoskins was Thomas Hoskinson Jr. and that he had accompanied his four sons to Virginia and Washington County, North Carolina. While he in fact may have left Maryland with his sons, Thomas Hoskinson Jr. would more than likely have been exempt from the tax due to his age, which would have been around 69 to 75.

In 1787 an Elisha Hoskins paid tax on 100 acres and one poll in Washington County. Elisha, the son of Ninian Hoskins, would have been too young to pay poll tax in 1787. In 1778 a C. S. Hoskins paid a poll tax also in Washington County. There was an Elias Hoskins married to an Elizabeth Kellums who had at least three sons and a daughter who migrated from Tennessee to Illinois and spelled the name Hauskins. An Elias Hoskins was taxed in Grainger County, Tennessee in 1799 and in Anderson County, Tennessee in 1802. It is unclear if Elias and Elisha Hoskins was the same person.

Some references to Hoskins in addition to John, Jesse, Josiah and Ninian Hoskins:

"Jesse and a small group of settlers arrived in the northeastern portion of Tennessee at about the time of the formation of the Watauga Association. When the first court was established in 1777 in Washington County, N. C., the names of Abraham Hoskins, Constable; Ning Hoskins; Elijah Hoskins; Jesse Hoskins, Constable; John Hoskins and Ruth Hoskins, his wife; Josiah Hoskins; and James Hoskins were listed in the proceedings of the court. It is possible that all or part of the above mentioned Hoskinses were related but the writers have found no proof of this."

*From Jesse Hoskins Tennessee Pioneer and his Descendants*

Ca 1792 in the vicinity of Old Russellville and Whitesburg were the following: Samuel Riggs, James Roddy, Caleb Witt, William Pulliam, William B. Roddy and James Hoskins.

*From Tennessee Cousins by James Worth Ray*

A summons to Washington County's first court in February on Monday the 23rd; 1778 was given and one of the first acts was the appointment of assessors who were to assess all the taxable property of the inhabitants on the heads of families. These assessment returns were to be given to a collector. This 1778 list appeared to have had seven or eight assessors. Of these selected few assessors were, Jessie Hoskins, Josiah Hoskins and Elias (Ligh) Hoskins. February 26th; 1779,

this court ordered that Richard Wilson serve as Constable in Captain Hoskins's district. [*From the Hoskins Archives of James R. Hoskins*]

In the year 1778 Washington County, North Carolina, we found John and Ruth Hoskins. The second meeting of this County Court that was held in May, 1778 at the home of Col. Charles Robertson, there were selected twenty five men to form the first grand jury for the county. Of those empanelled and sworn were John and Ninian Hoskins. Other Hoskins in the area during this time period from 1778 to 1800 were, Abraham Hoskins, who was a Constable, Elijah Hoskins, Jessie Hoskins, who also was a Constable, Josiah Hoskins, Joseph Hoskins, and Thomas Hoskins. [*From the Hoskins Archives of James R. Hoskins*]

The Hoskinson-Hoskins and others who dared to face dangers of an unbroken wilderness settled in the valleys of the Clinch and Halston Rivers. These early ancestors that settled in Tennessee and Kentucky had a life and death struggle with the Indians. One of those daring backwoodsmen was Capt. Thomas Hoskins. Our records state: Captain Thomas Hoskins was in the Indian Wars with an expedition from North Carolina and fought in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. The record states Captain Thomas Hoskins fought with an Old Indian Chief. The Old Chief had told of a dream in which he saw blood. Captain Thomas killed the Old Indian Chief. Due to evidence in our researched material, this Captain Thomas Hoskins was probably a son or grandson of Thomas and Ann Hoskinson of Rock Creek Parish, Maryland. [*From the Hoskins Archives of James R. Hoskins*]

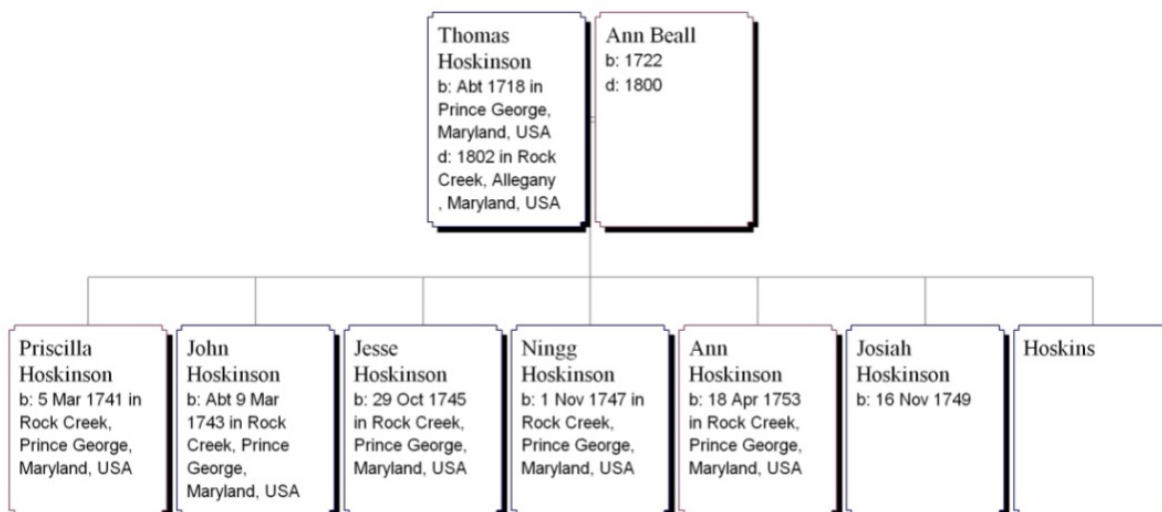
Collectively, these events indicate that there were, in fact, other Hoskins older than the sons of John and Ninian Hoskins living in the same area at the same time as were John, Jesse, Ninian and Josiah Hoskins. Josiah Hoskins was killed fighting Indians in Sumner County, Tennessee in 1784 and is therefore unlikely to be the father of any of these "mystery" Hoskins. All of the children of Jesse Hoskins were documented in a journal kept by himself and, after his death, by his son John. This is in **NO WAY** proof that these other Hoskins mentioned in Washington County, North Carolina were sons of Thomas Hoskinson Jr.

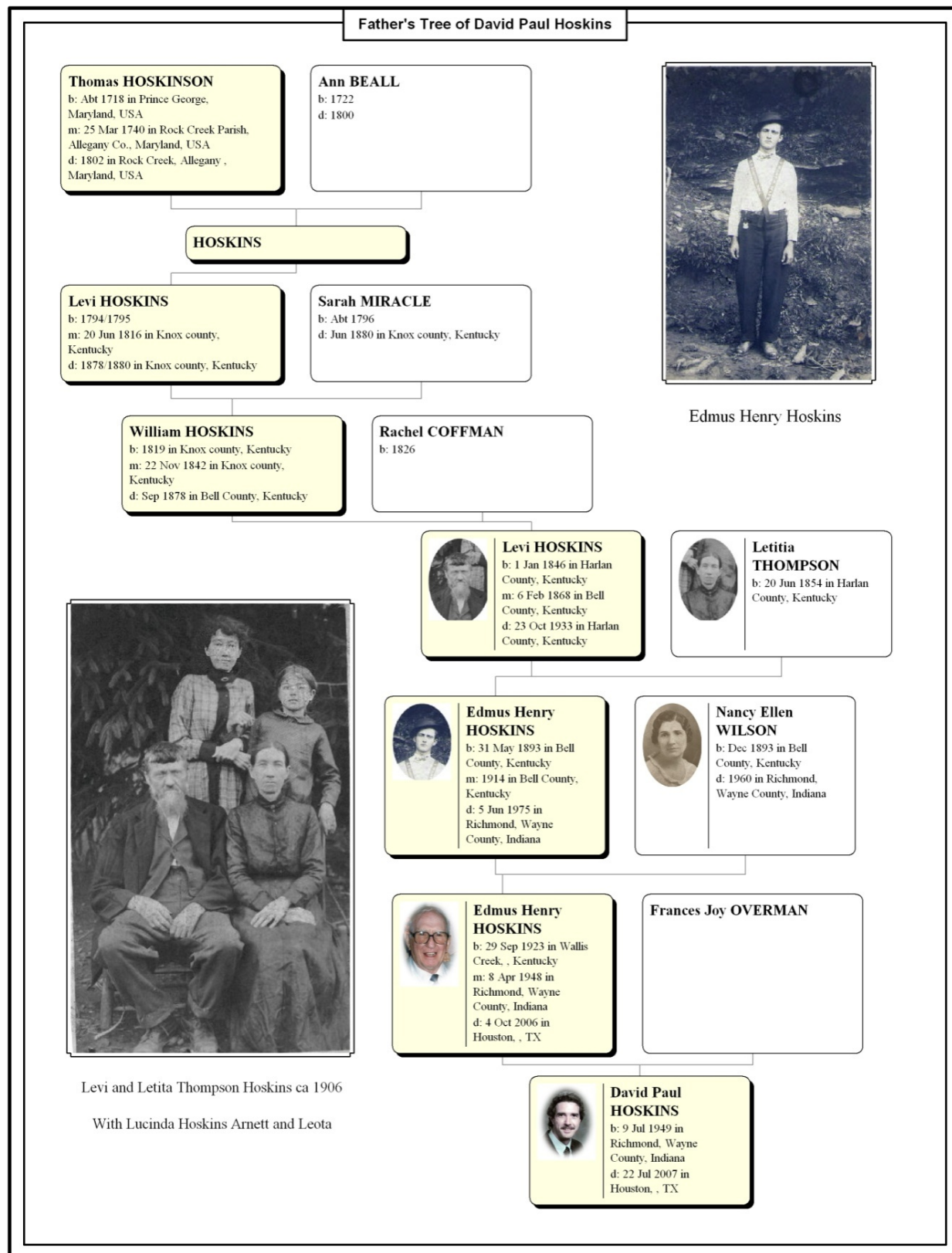
I am confident that some of these other Hoskins were from the Maryland Hoskinson/Hoskins Family. The exact relationship remains **UNPROVEN** but I have elected to show a \_\_\_\_\_ Hoskins as a son of Thomas Hoskinson Jr. in order that John A., Josiah and Levi Hoskins and their descendants are included in this genealogy report.

There is **INSUFFICIENT PROOF** that Josiah and John A. Hoskins were brothers or that they were brothers of Levi Hoskins. On the other hand, all three are clearly related to the other Hoskins found in early Knox and Harlan counties. They all lived in the same area often sharing property lines with the other Hoskins.



### Children of Thomas Hoskinson Jr.





# Third Generation

**Thomas Hoskinson Sr.**

**1679 – abt. 1744 America**

**Time Line of History during  
Thomas Hoskinson Sr.'s Life**

1679 – 1744

Date	Event	Thomas' Age
1679	<b>Mary gives birth to Thomas Hoskinson Sr. <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	0
1679	Habeas Corpus passed in England - trial before imprisonment	0
1680	Dodo becomes extinct	1
1681	Pennsylvania founded	2
1683	Newton explains tides via theory of gravitation	4
1688	Plate glass cast for 1st time	9
1689	Reign of King William III and Queen Mary II (Stuart) Starts	10
1689	<b>John Hodgkinson Thomas' Father Dies</b>	10
1692	The Puritans murder 20 alleged witches in Salem, MA	13
1699	<b>Thomas travels to America aboard the ship Eleanor</b>	20
1702-1714	Reign of Queen Anne (Stuart)	23-35
abt 1709	<b>Thomas Hoskinson Sr. and Jane Moore are Married</b>	30
1710	<b>Jane gives birth to a son James Hoskinson <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	31
1720	<b>Thomas Purchases Hoskinson's Folly 100 Acres in Maryland</b>	41
1726-1743	<b>Thomas in and out of Jail for Bad Debts</b>	47-64
1727-1760	Reign of King George II (Hanover) starts	48
1741	Slave revolt in New York, 2nd uprising	62
1743	1st settlement in S Dakota	64
1743	<b>Thomas in Debtors Prison</b>	64
1744	<b>Thomas more than likely died in Debtors Prison</b>	65

## Third Generation

### Family Group Sheet Record for Thomas Hoskinson Sr.

<b>Husband    Thomas Hoskinson Senior</b>		
Born	1 Feb 1679	Place    Preston, Lancashire County, England
Chr.		Place
Died	Abt 1743/1744	Place
Buried		Place
Married	1708/1709	Place    Rock Creek Parish, Prince George Co., Maryland, USA
Husband's father	John Hodgkinson	
Husband's mother	Mary Birchall	
<b>Wife        Jane Moore</b>		
Born	Abt 1686	Place    , Prince George, Maryland, USA
Chr.		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Wife's father	James Moore	
Wife's mother	Mary	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	<b>M    James Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	Abt 1710    Place    Prince George, Co. Md.
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1796    Place    Monogalia Co., Va.
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth
	Married	Est 1743    Place    <, Prince Georges, Maryland>
2	<b>M    Charles Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	Abt 1715    Place    Prince George, Co. Md.
	Chr.	Place
	Died	26 Apr 1764    Place    Montgomery Co., Md.
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth
	Married	Abt 1750    Place    , Prince Georges, Maryland, USA
3	<b>M    Thomas Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	Abt 1718    Place    , Prince George, Maryland, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1802    Place    Rock Creek, Allegany, Maryland, USA
	Buried	Place    Rock Creek, Allegany, Maryland, USA
	Spouse	Ann Beall
	Married	25 Mar 1740    Place    Rock Creek Parish, Allegany Co., Maryland, USA
4	<b>M    Elisha Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	Abt 1720    Place    Rock Creek Hundred, Prince George County, Maryland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
5	<b>M    George Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	1733    Place    Prince George, Co. Md.
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Mary
	Married	Abt 1758    Place    Of, , , Maryland, USA
6	<b>M    John Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	1740    Place    Prince George, Co. Md.
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Susannah
	Married	Est 1765    Place    <Rock Creek Parish, Prince Georges, Maryland>
7	<b>M    Josiah Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	Place
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place



**3. Thomas HOSKINSON Sr.** (John, John ) was born on 1 Feb 1679 in Preston, Lancashire County, England. He died 1 about 1743/1744 in Rock Creek Parish, Prince Georges County, Maryland.

THOMAS HOSKINSON (Hodgkinson) SR.  
Prince Georges County, Maryland  
Born:1 Feb 1679 Death: Ca 1743/44

### **From England to America**

Our Hoskins family history in America begins with Thomas, the son of John and Mary Birchall Hodgkinson of Preston in Lancashire County, England. Thomas was the first of our family to arrive here, stating in a 1730 court petition that "I came into his Lordships Country, Maryland in 1700 and worked four years for a gentleman at the head of Biords (Birds) Creek in St. Mary's County". This was no doubt on a tobacco plantation of the times.

Thomas left Liverpool, England as an indentured servant some time in 1699 aboard the ship Eleanor of Liverpool mastered by Mr. Nicholas Reynolds. Thomas was bound to Mr. William Porter a Merchant of that city and had signed aboard ship on January 20, 1699 at the age of 19, just 11 days before his 20th birthday. There were two groups of passengers on this voyage, the first group of 30 signed on to go to Virginia, their signing began in early September of 1698 and ended in mid (December of that year. The second group of 20, which included Thomas and all others apprenticed to William Porter signed on in January and February of 1699 to make the voyage to Virginia or Maryland. It is not known when the ship sailed but the passenger lists were started in September and ended in February, but it may have been days, weeks or even months before the ship actually left port. It would have then taken 3 or 4 months or more for them to have made the voyage depending on which route they sailed and if there were any other port calls long the way. The Eleanor made several voyages to Virginia or Maryland between the years of 1698 and 1708, some under Reynolds and some under other ships masters.

As was the custom in those days, passengers or immigrants to the new world who could not afford the cost of passage often sold their services to someone else under an indentured servant contract. This was usually for four years, but many were for longer periods of time. In Thomas' case Mr. William Porter no doubt resold his services to the Gentleman on Birds Creek, who in turn paid his passage to Maryland. After arriving there Thomas was then obligated to work out a four year indenture to pay for his voyage, which he did. Also, in many cases, the sponsors of the people who were transported received fifty acres of land to bring new people to the Colonies. These immigrants, by today's standards were virtual slaves who worked for food and shelter and at the end of their contract period may or may not have been given a few dollars in today's terms and let go on their way. After serving their indenture, they too were entitled to 50 acres of land. If they elected to take the land, they were first required to settle and live on it, pay the surveyors and clerks fees and any other costs connected to it before taking title. Many, due to poor circumstances could not do this, but some did and this gave them their start here. People from England did not have to meet immigration standards. if there were any at the time, as they were already British subjects in a British colony. It goes without saying that countless of us present day Americans owe our heritage of being here to those of our ancestors who toiled in this way to get to the new world.

Thomas came over under the name of Hodgkinson as it was a common precursor of the name of Hoskinson in England at the time. There were many Hodgkinsons in the town of Preston in Lancashire County, England but only a scattered few in Maryland at the time Thomas arrived there. There was a Charles Hodgkinson who came later and had land tracts "Draton" and "Middleground" on Trent Creek in St. Mary's County. This was in 1713 and 1723 and was not far from where Thomas had lived in his early days there, but it is not known if Thomas knew this Charles. Charles retained his old world name, but research shows that Court Clerks and others spelled his name in different ways just as they did in Thomas' case. [An Outline of the Azariah Hoskins/Hoskinson Family History; Robert J. Hoskins; Raleigh, North Carolina]

Evidence seems to indicate Thomas married Jane Moore, daughter of James Moore, Sr. and Mary Moore in 1708/9.

### **Prince George County**

The original boundaries of Prince George County were not the same as they are today. The act of the assembly which created Prince George's County assigned all of Maryland west of the Patuxent River and north of Mattawoman and Swanson's creeks (the northern boundaries of Charles County) to Prince George's. Thus, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett counties; part of Carroll County; and all of the District of Columbia were once part of Prince George's County. Most of this vast area was uninhabited in 1696; that is why it was attached to Prince George's. There was little settlement beyond the present limits of Prince George's until the 1730s, when Germans from Pennsylvania began settling in the Monocacy valley. When that area became populous enough to support a county government of its own, the assembly erected Frederick County. The assembly decreed that the boundary between Prince George's and Frederick counties would be an imaginary line drawn from the mouth of Rock Creek (on the Potomack River) to Seth Hyatt's plantation on the Patuxent. That line is still Prince George's northern boundary, now dividing Prince George's County from Montgomery County, erected out of the southern part of Frederick in 1776.

### **Hoskinson's Folly**

On May 9, 1720 Thomas Hoskinson Senior, received a Warrant for 100 acres of land called "Hoskinsons Folly", from James Beale, near Bladensburg in Prince George County. The boundaries of this land began at a Bounded White Oak standing on the East Side of the North Branch of the Eastern Branch of the Potomack River and near the beginning tree of "Addition to Jacksons Necessity". Liber I.L. #A Page 162 Survey Folio #1110.

*By virtue of a warrant the 2th day of April last unto James Beal of Prince George County for 786 acres of land, 100 acres whereof being by the said James Beal this day assigned unto Thomas Hoskinson of Prince George County. I have surveyed for the said Thomas Hoskinson all that tract of land called Hoskinsons Folly lying in Prince George County: Beginning at a bounded white oak standing on the East side of the North Branch of the Eastern Branch of Potomack River and near the beginning tree of "Addition to Jacksons Necessity" and running North 10 degrees West Perches, North 42 degrees West 150 Perches, South 17 degrees West 42 Perches, South 87 degrees West 60 Perches, South 15 degrees West 60 Perches, then to the beginning. James Hodgson, Surd.*

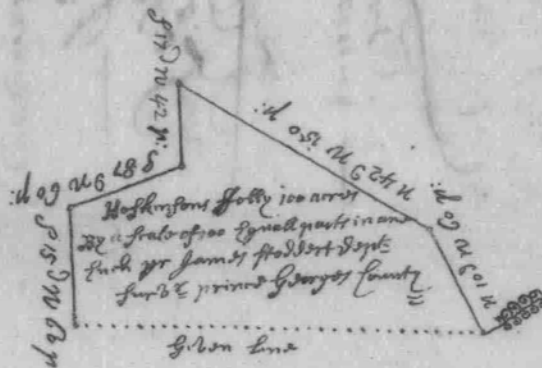
On 14 September 1722 Thomas Hoskinson received a land deed for "Hoskinsons Folly" from Charles the 2nd absolute Lord proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Barron of Baltimore and James Beale. LIBR PL #3 Pages 141-143 Prince George County, Maryland. Also Land Office Patent P.L. #5 Pages 141-143

Maryland

May the 9th 1720

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 perches then north forty two degrees west one hundred and fifty perches then  
 south sixteen degrees west forty two perches then south eighty second degree  
 west sixty perches then south fifteen degrees west sixty perches then with a  
 straight line to the beginning tree containing and now laid out for one hundred  
 acres of land more or less to be held of Salisbury manner

Jr James Holkison Deft. surr. prince Georges County



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**PRINCE GEORGE'S Co. MARYLAND**  
**LAND HOLDINGS BY:**  
 JAMES MOORE SR. 1671-1735 (1) THRU (14)  
 THOMAS HOSKINSON SR. 1720 (15)  
 JAMES HOSKINSON 1735-1772 (16)  
 AZARITH THOMAS HOSKINSON 1770-1771 (17)

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 1698**

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**FREDERICK Co. 1748**

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 1650**

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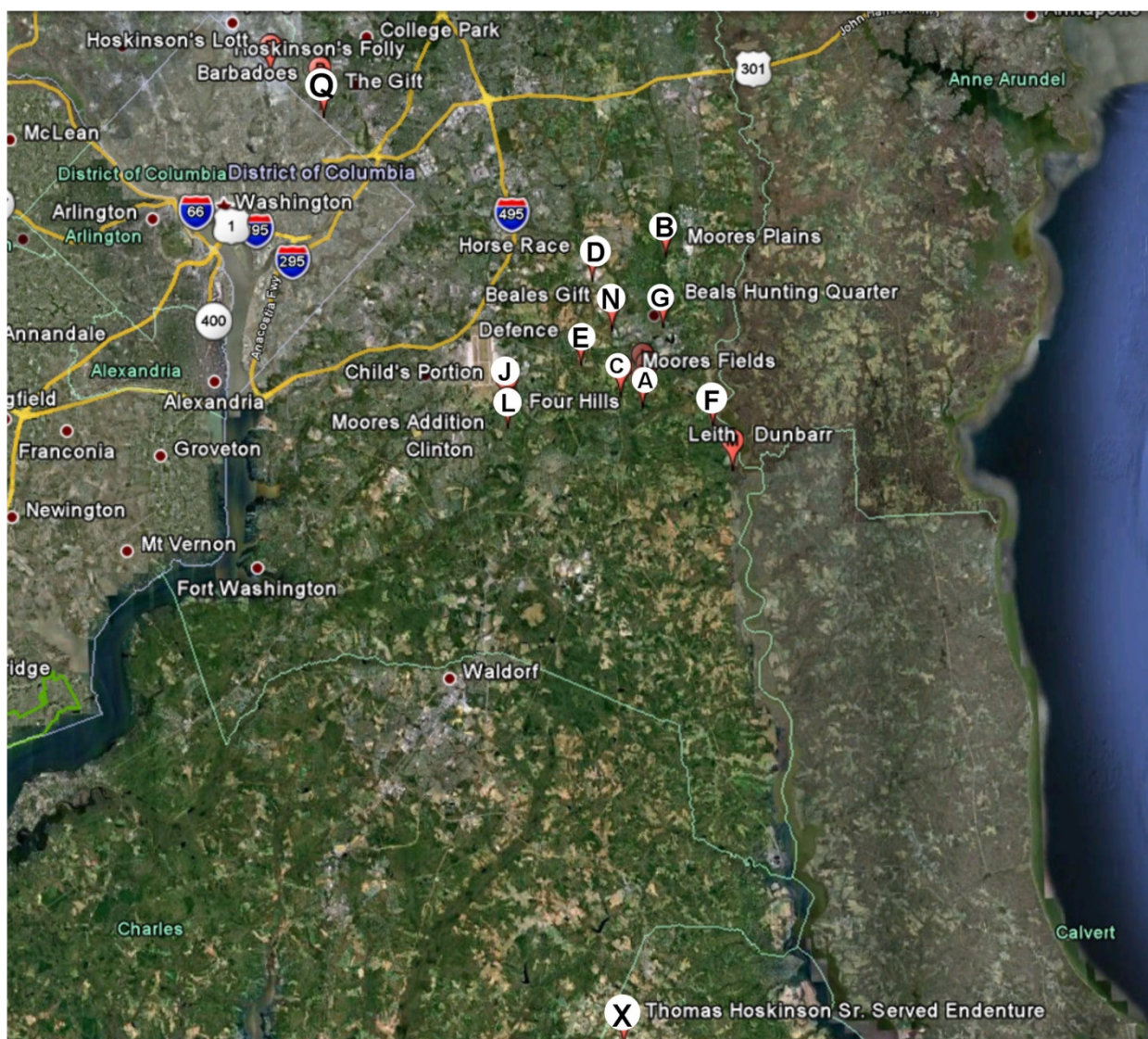
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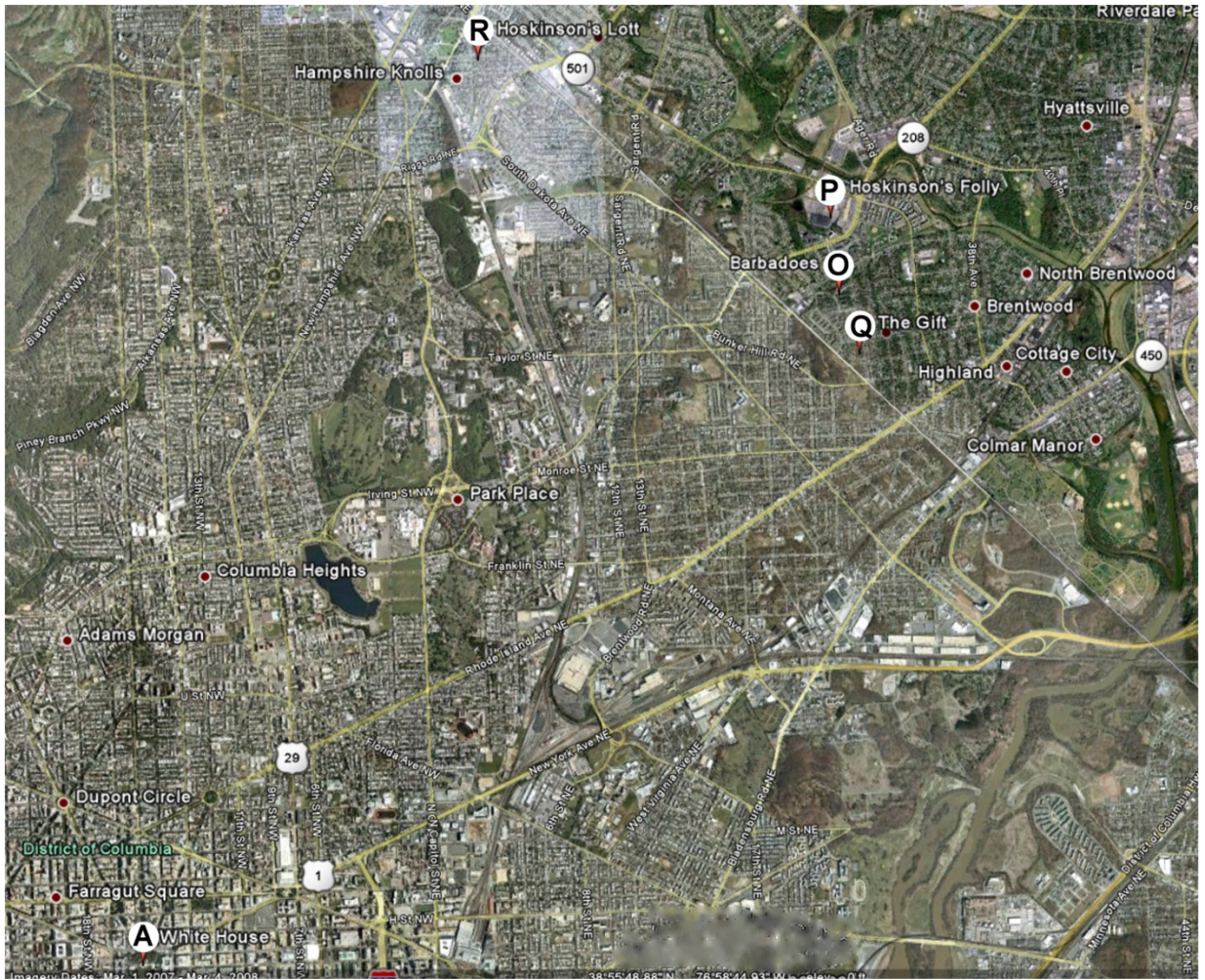
Modern Day Maps Showing Properties owned by James Moore, Thomas Hoskinson and Family

Older Map	Newer Map	Description	Latitude	Longitude
1	A	Four Hills 400 acres 11 Oct 1671	38°46'58.14"N	76°45'46.35"W
2	B	Moore's Plains 47 5 acres on 24 June 1673	38°51'36.83"N	76°44'36.13"W
3	C	Moore's Fields on 1 March 1679	38°47'20.05"N	76°46'37.88"W
6	F	Leith on 22 Feb. 1681	38°46'16.49"N	76°43'0.09"W
5	E	Defence on 7 March 1681	38°48'20.62"N	76°48'10.12"W



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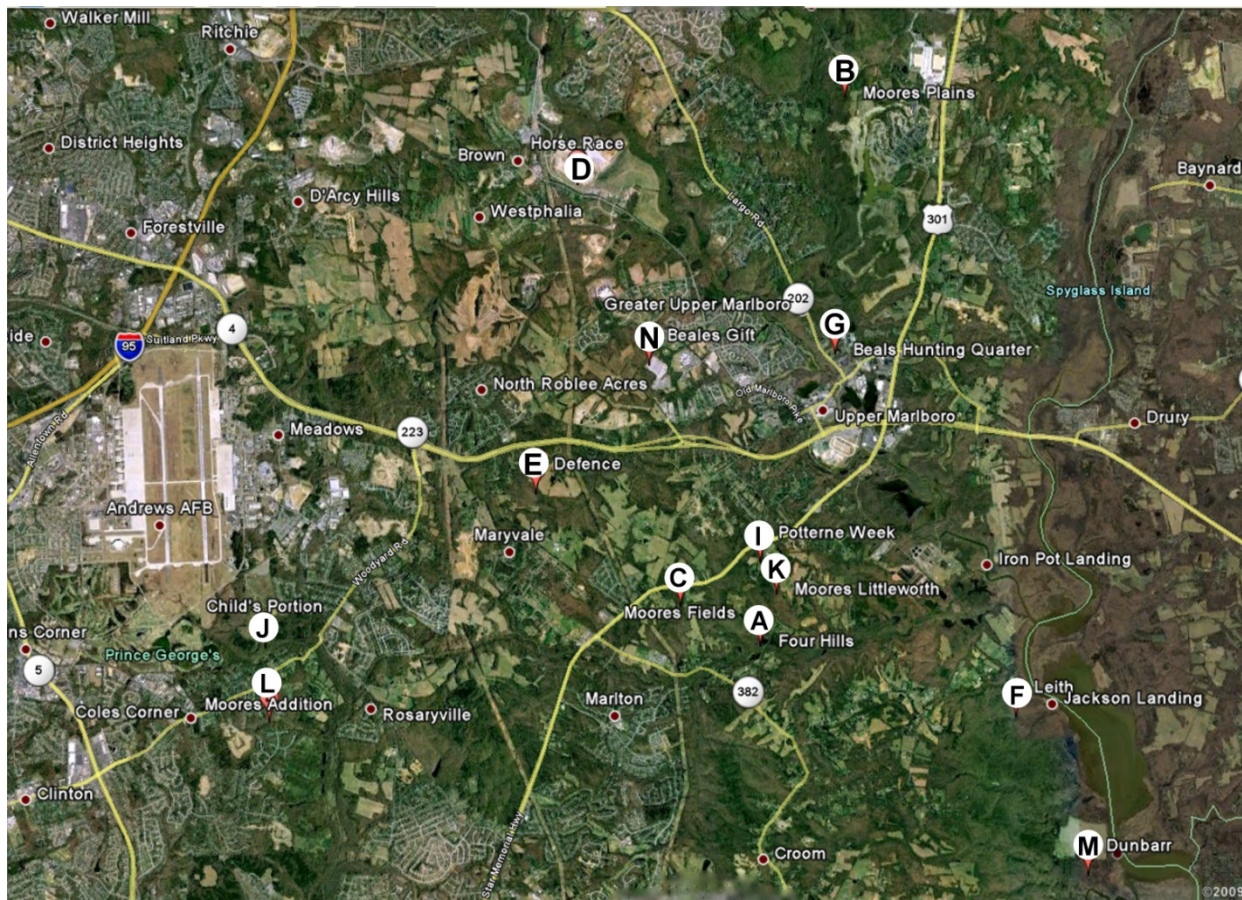
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4	D	Horse Race on 6 March 1681	38°50'57.95"N	76°47'34.41"W
7	G	Beales Hunting Quarter 300 acres on 1 July 1682	38°49'25.65"N	76°44'49.42"W
8	I	Potterne week 2 July 1685	38°47'40.90"N	76°45'44.23"W
11	L	Moores Addition on 16 Feb 1694	38°46'29.37"N	76°51'11.47"W
10	K	Moores Littleworth on 30 August 1694	38°47'24.38"N	76°45'34.30"W
9	J	Childs Portion on 11 September 1694	38°47'7.49"N	76°51'12.19"W



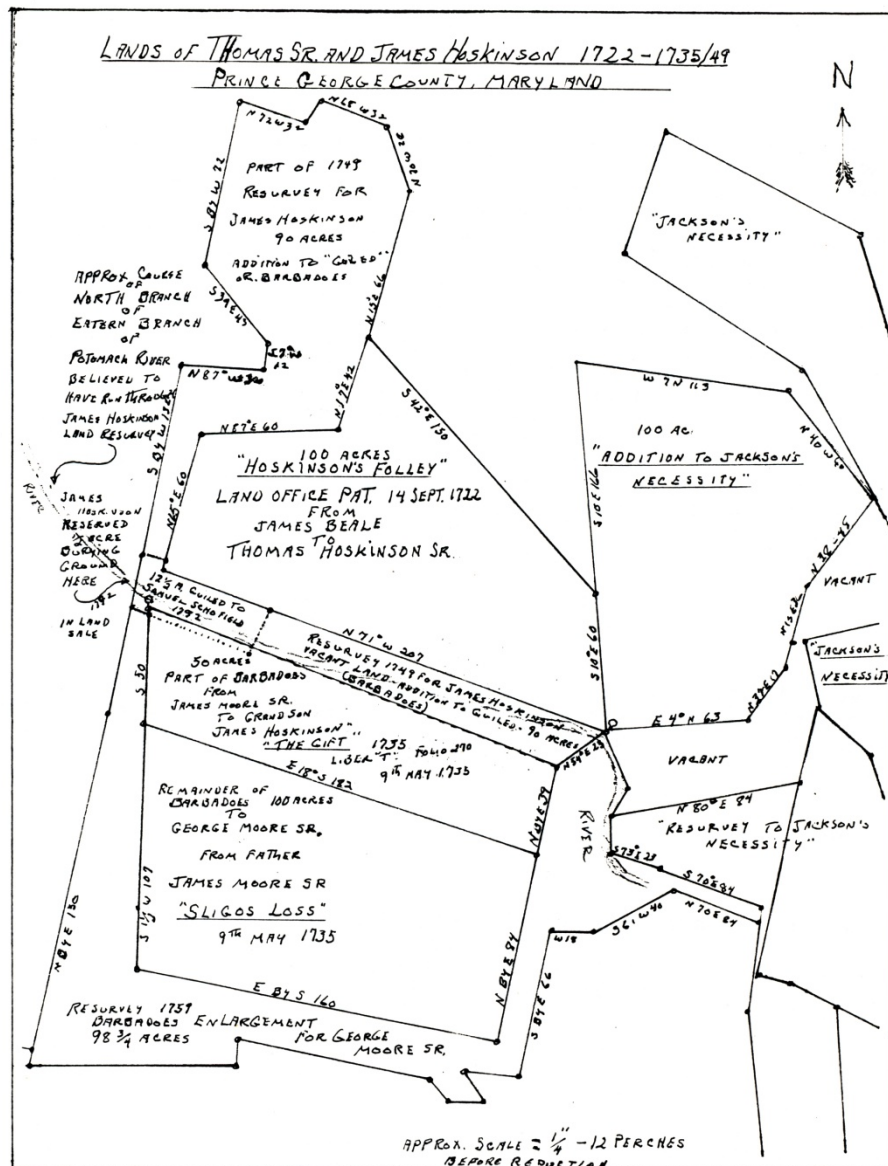


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12	M	Dunbarr 125 acres before:1700	38°44'53.93"N	76°42'16.82"W
14	O	Barbadoes 150 acres 10 December 1714	38°56'39.82"N	76°58'9.38"W
13	N	Beales Gift	38°49'24.12"N	76°46'52.12"W
15	P	Hoskinson's Folly	38°56'59.82"N	76°58'11.25"W
16	Q	The Gift	38°56'24.04"N	76°58'3.26"W
17	R	Hoskinson's Lott	38°57'44.53"N	77° 0'7.75"W
	X	Thomas Hoskinson Sr. Served Endenture	38°27'6.38"N	76°47'31.98"W



"A" through "N" owned by James Moore. "P" owned by Thomas Hoskinson Sr. "Q" sold to James Hoskinson from Grandfather James Moore. "R" owned by Azariah Hoskins. All Coordinates are close approximations, done by overlaying original map by Robert J Hoskins to Google earth map.



In his early married years Thomas seemed to have lived the life of a typical planter (Farmer) of the times. He had a servant lad by the name of Fergus Ferrold who was also inclined to run away from time to time. In 1721 Thomas had to apprehend and bring him back into the August court. He confessed there to having absented himself from his Master's service for twenty two days. Fergus was then adjudged to serve an additional ten days for every day he was absent, and another three months for the six hundred pounds of tobacco that Thomas expended in regaining him. *Libra Book "K" Folio 378.*

In the November Court 1722 in Prince Georges County, Thomas Hoskinson again swears runaway time against Fergus Ferrold. Feregus had unlawfully absented himself out of his Master's service for 30 days. Libr "K"

In March 1723 Fergus was again in Court, this time complaining that his late Master John Bradford was unjustly detaining him as his indenture time had expired. However, Thomas Hoskinson had proven in the last Court that Fergus had ran away for 30 days and John Bradford



now claims that Fergus had also ran away from his service 90 days and that Bradford had expended 200 pounds of tobacco in apprehending him. Fergus was adjudged by the court to serve his Master John Bradford two days for each of the 90 days of run-away time and three months more for the charges of 400 pounds of tobacco expended to apprehend him. It was also adjudged by the court to acquit Fergus of the thirty days runaway time proven by Thomas Hoskinson because he had been corporally punished for the same. Libre "L" #4 page 3.

On 27 March 1723, John Bradford submitted an indenture for the purchase of 196 acres of land, a part of "Widows Mite" lying between Branches of goose Creek and Rock Creek. This was from Thomas Fletchall of Prince Georges County, Maryland and witnessed two other deeds by William and Ann Renshaw (a bricklayer) for the remainder of "Widows Mite", deeded to Thomas Fletchall. This was in the Freshes of the Potomack River between Goose Creek and Rock Creek. Liber "M" folio 407 and 453.

During the coming years Thomas Hoskinson Sr. was involved in several Court Cases. Most of these were for debts as Thomas did not seem capable of managing his business affairs without over extensions which lead to serious debt problems. It is believed that Thomas was involved in a lifestyle and business dealings that he could not sustain. In 1726 Thomas was sued for debt and brought into court by Tobias Bowles. Later in the same year Thomas countermanded a suit by Patrick Hepburn, Fraser and Justice. Liber #5 page 95.

In March of 1727 Edward Sprigg sued Thomas Hoskinson for non-payment of debt for sundry goods, wares and merchandise that Thomas had purchased from him. This dated back to the fifth of March 1725 and amounted to fourteen pounds, three shillings and seven pence. A listing of these goods and wares included in the Court Transcript. A partial list is as follows;

Thomas Hoskinson: Account listing owed to Edward Sprigg, February 15, 18, March. Errors excepted 28 March 1727.

15 Jan. 1725	To 1 Boys Hatt No.1
	To 1 Pair men's Of'alls
	To 1 Pair men's yarn hoson
	To 1 Pair men's wash
18 Jan.	To Man's Saddle & Furniture
	To 1 Pair men's Of'alls
	To 1 Pair Women's Ditto
	To 1 Pair Leather Heels
	To 1 Pair boy's ditto
	To 1 Pair boy's yarn hoson
	To 1 Pair girls' ditto
	To 6 yards of Calico
	To 12 Lbs Garlich
	To 4 yards of Shallsow
	To 7 Yards Drugolt
	To 5 Dozen Coat Buttons
	To 2 Hanks of Twist
	To 1 Hank of Silk
	To 3 Dozen breast buttons
	To 4 Silk Handkerchiefs

	To 1 Manns Hatt No. 8	
	To 1 Pair of Woman's Long woosted Stockings	
	To 1 Pair of Woman's Shannonay Gloves	
	To 500 #2 Nails	
	To 600 #6 Nails	
5 March 1725	To Cash	
	To Cash	
	To Various horse's	
	To 3 Broad Ditto	
1725	P Courta	
9 February	To Cash	
	Balance Due	14.3.7

The above is only a partial listing of the merchandise and sundry wares charges that Thomas owed to Sprigg and may give one an idea of Thomas' life style. It also indicates that there were both boys and girls in Thomas' family and points to his having several children by this time. Thomas admitted to owing this indebtedness and lost in the case, resulting in a conviction of debt. On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1727 he was turned over to Robert Tyler, Gentleman, the Sheriff and was put in the gaol (Jail) to remain there until the debt was paid. LIBRE "N" #5 Folio 296-297-298.

At the time that Thomas was convicted of the Edward Sprigg debt, his Lawyer submitted a petition to get Thomas excused from prison but this was rejected, as follows; "In March Court 1727, It was Ordered by the Court here that Thomas Hoskinson's petition setting forth his unhappy circumstances and praying he may be discharged from imprisonment at suit of his creditor, be rejected". County Court Libre "N" Page 240. Prince Geo. Co., Md. County Court.

On 24 June 1730 Thomas was again summoned into Court by Edward Sprigg under a "Fiat Execution Sur Scire Facias" for the failure to pay the debt of 5 March, 1725 which was the reason for his being imprisoned in March 1727. Apparently Thomas had been released from prison on a type of debtors parole prior to his being again summoned to court. Thomas did not answer this summons and failed to appear. As a result the Court awarded the debt of 14 pounds, 3 shillings and 7 pence to Edward Sprigg, plus an additional three hundred and sixty eight pounds of tobacco in damages. This was no doubt a form of bankruptcy for the times and as a result Thomas may have already lost his land "Hoskinson's Folly" to his creditors.

Thomas Hoskinson November Court 1730 Prince George's County, Md. Liber "P", Fol. 595 (Film CR34,711-1) Thomas Hoskinson proffers to the Court here the following petition Viz; Maryland An. 1730. To the Worshipful Judges and Justices of Prince George's County sitting. The humble petition of Thomas Hoskinson humbly sheweth your Worships that your poor petitioner came into his Lordships County Maryland in the year 1700 and your petitioner served four years to a worthy Gentleman at the head of Biords Creek in Saint Mary's County and your petitioner hath been a hard laborer in Prince George's County twenty six years, not deserting from my person or persons but enduring much hardship. Your petitioner hope's that your worships that knows your petitioner will consider that your petitioner cannot labor as formerly though willing and more to labor for your petitioner, but his children Chiefest of them very small. I hope your worships will consider your petitioner and dismiss me from paying levy which he's so long labored amongst you and your petitioner shall heartily and humbly be thankful to your worships for so doing. Upon reading which petition and consideration thereof had it, it is

ordered here that the Petitioner be allowed in the next County Levy ninety pounds of tobacco and that he be levy free for succeeding years.

By all appearances, Thomas was destitute by this time, especially after having spent time in prison. Even though Thomas had probably lost "Hoskinsons Folly" to his creditors, he may have been allowed to continue to live on and work the land, paying rent to its new owner. James Hoskinson was no doubt there during these difficult times and probably helped work and manage the plantation while Thomas was in prison.

On two or three occasions in later years Thomas spent some time in debtor's prison at upper Marlboro Town, the county seat of Prince George County. This type of hardship started in 1727 and was still going on in Thomas' life as late as 1743 and was so noted in the last written record that could be located about him. It was not that Thomas was a criminal, he just could not pay his debts at times and this in those days could lead to debtor's prison, or the king's goal as it was then known.

In the April 1742 Court, George Atwood sued Thomas Hoskinson, a planter, for debt. This was an extensive case that dated back to 1736 and 1738. At that time Thomas had been dealing with John Hoopes a Merchant in Lurgan, Ireland to whom he had given bills of exchange, as Merchants did in those days, this was for the benefit of George Atwood. These bills were refused and were not accepted, something on the order of today's bad checks. Thomas promised to make them good but refused to do so and was brought into Court by Atwood. Thomas was ordered to pay to Atwood thirty pounds sterling and three hundred sixty eight pounds of tobacco in costs and damages.

Liber "Z" Folio 576,577,578.

DEATH: The last mention of Thomas Hoskinson Senior. was on a June 1743 Court Petition for permission to apply to the next General Assembly for relief from his miserable prison confinement. It is not clear as to when Thomas was again put in prison, but probably resulted from one or more of the several bad business dealings that he had had with his creditors. A verbatim copy of this petition is as follows:

THOMAS HOSKINSON JUNE 1743 COURT Liber AA #14, Page 671: Thomas Hoskinson proffers to the Court here the following petition Viz: To the Worshipful Justices of Prince George County Court now in counsel sitting the humble petition of Thomas Hoskinson Senior and humbly sheweth that whereas your petitioner at this time a languishing prisoner in this County Goal in the custody of John Hepburn Esq. for debts which your poor petitioner is in no capacity by any ways to pay and your poor petitioner having a wife and family who must inevitably be obliged to be troublesome to your Worships for a maintenance. Except your poor petitioner were at liberty to gain support for them and upon whom they absolutely depend for maintenance. And your petitioner having been an inhabitant of this County upwards of forty years and behaving himself with probity and honesty to all men, being now misfortune and weakness of old age brought to this calamity, most humbly beseecheth your Worships of your great goodness and leniency to such unfortunate persons to take his case into your consideration and grant him your certificate of permission to apply to the next General Assembly for relief from this miserable confinement and your Petitioner as is duty bound shall ever pray. Upon reading which petition and consideration thereof had, it is ordered by the Court here that the Clerk of said Court make certificate of the Petitioners notice. Film CR34.714XP Pr.Geo.Co.,Md.

I believe that Thomas died soon after this petition was submitted, probably still in debtors prison. The Court records were searched further in an attempt to locate an application to the General Assembly, or for some other evidence of relief to Thomas's problem, but none was found. It is also believed that Thomas Senior may have been married at least two times, because in his petition of 1730 for County assistance he mentioned that he had young children. Again in 1743 when he petitioned the Court for permission to apply to the Maryland General Assembly for release from debtors prison he indicated he had a wife and family to support.

By 1740 there was a Thomas Hoskinson jr. nearby who also began to appear in the records and who was no doubt the son of Thomas Senior. Thomas Junior is believed to be the one who married Ann in 1740 and whose children were later listed in the Prince George Parish Church records. Thomas Junior was also listed in Court records when he sued to collect a debt from Thomas Butler whom he had built a tobacco barn for in 1742/43. Thomas Hoskinson Senior and Thomas Junior were designated as such in their 1742/43 court transcripts.

Other Court records of Prince George County Maryland were mention in research and a book by Robert J. Hoskins of North Carolina. [The History of the Azariah Hoskins Family of Vermilion County, Illinois.

[Research by Robert J. Hoskins of North Carolina]

*It is Interesting to note That Thomas' Aunt Eleanor Hodgkinson's Mother-In-Law was Isabell Calvert. The father of Maryland was Sir George Calvert, the actual founder was his son, Cecilius Calvert. Research at the time of this publish does not show if there is any connection but both Calvert lines came from the same area in England.*

Thomas married Jane MOORE, daughter of James MOORE Sr. and Mary (MOORE), about 1708 in Rock Creek Parish, Prince Georges County, Maryland. Jane was born about 1686 in , Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Thomas & Jane had the following children:

- |   |      |  |
|---|------|--|
| M | i    | <b>4. James HOSKINSON</b> was born about 1710 and died in 1796.                              |
| M | ii   | Thomas HOSKINSON Jr. was born about 1712 and died unknown.                                   |
| M | iii  | Charles HOSKINSON was born about 1715 and died before 26 Apr 1764.                           |
| M | iv   | Elisha HOSKINSON was born about 1720 in Rock Creek Hundred, Prince Georges County, Maryland. |
| M | v    | John HOSKINSON was born about 1722 and died about 1795.                                      |
| M | vi   | George HOSKINSON was born in 1733.   |
| F | vii  | Mary HOSKINSON.  |
| F | viii | Eleanor HOSKINSON.   |



## Jane Moore Wife of Thomas Hoskinson

Jane Moore was the wife of Thomas Hoskinson. She was born about 1686 in Prince George's County Maryland. Her father was James Moore. It is not known where James Moore, the father of Jane Hoskinson was born, but it was no doubt in Maryland or England as he was well established in the Charles County area by the 1670's. This area later became part of Prince Georges County in 1695. It is not known at this time who his parents were, possibly a Richard and Mary Moore, who was a Planter and barrister from London, England and had arrived in St. Mary's County in the mid 1600's, but this connection has not been proven as yet. Apparently James was from a family that was able to give him a good start in his early adult life as he was obtaining land patents and making land deals early on in his life. It is not known who James married except that her name was Mary. James Sr. was noted in various land deeds at different times as being a Carpenter, a Planter and also a Gentleman.

At one time James operated a tavern or as in those days was referred to as an ordinary, in or near old Charlestown, a shipping point on the Patuxent River. In 1702 James was fined 1000 lbs. of tobacco with the threat of losing his tavern license for allowing a servant to get drunk on Sunday. Charlestown disappeared long ago after the river silted in and sea going ships could no longer navigate up to that point. Most of James early land holdings were near Charlestown and the surrounding area.

James owned considerable land over his lifetime, his first acquisition was on 11 October 1671 when he patented a 400 acre tract called "Four Hills" near Charlestown. Over the years of his life span he patented ten or twelve more tracts, as well as transacting many other land deals along the way. Some of his other early land patents or grants were:

Moore's Plains 47 5 acres on 24 June 1673

Moore's Fields on 1 March 1679

Leith on 22 Feb. 1681

Defence on 7 March 1681

Horse Race on 6 March 1681

Beales Hunting Quarter 300 acres on 1 July 1682

Potterne week 2 July 1685

Moore's Addition on 16 Feb 1694

Moore's Littleworth on 30 August 1694

Childs Portion on 11 September 1694

Dunbarr 125 acres before:1700

On 14 October 1713 James was granted another land warrant for 703 acres of land. On 10 December 1714 he had 150 acres of this resurveyed into a tract called Barbados near Bladensburg, to co-hold by the Manor of Calverton. In 1735 he divided this tract, giving 100 acres to his son George and 50 acres to his grandson **James Hoskinson**, subject to the use of James' mother, Jane Hoskinson throughout her lifetime. A hand drawn map for this time period is attached to this section, which shows the designations and locations of the Moore and Hoskinson land holdings.

James Moore lived to be a very old man who indicated in a deposition that he gave in Chancery Court in 1708 that he was 82 years of age at that time. This would indicate that he was born in 1646. He also made reference in this same deposition as being a brother (brother-in-law) of Ninnian Beale, a well known and influential gentleman in the area. Ninnian Beale married Ruth Moore in 1668/69 who, as has been reported was 15 years of age at the time and a sister to James. James wife, Mary, also lived to be very old. She released dowers in the early land sales that James made and was still alive to release her dower interest in the lands that he gave to their sons; George, Benjamin, Peter and grandson **James Hoskinson** in 1735. I believe that James Moore died soon after that date, as he and Mary gave all of their land and household furnishings, chattels etc. to these of their children, all in that same time period. If James died by 1738 he would have been over 90 years of age.

James and his family were well represented in the Prince George County records with his sons and heirs being noted there many times well into the late 1700's and beyond. Some of these noted were also

intermingled with the James Hoskinson family records at various times throughout their time in Prince George County.

Some of the children for James and Mary Moore are proven, but I believe there must have been others. The known ones are listed as follows:

George Moore, Planter, M/Elizabeth Lucas.

James Moore Jr., Carpenter, M/Barbara Allison.

John Moore, Planter, M/Elizabeth LndBkAA#2P245/246.

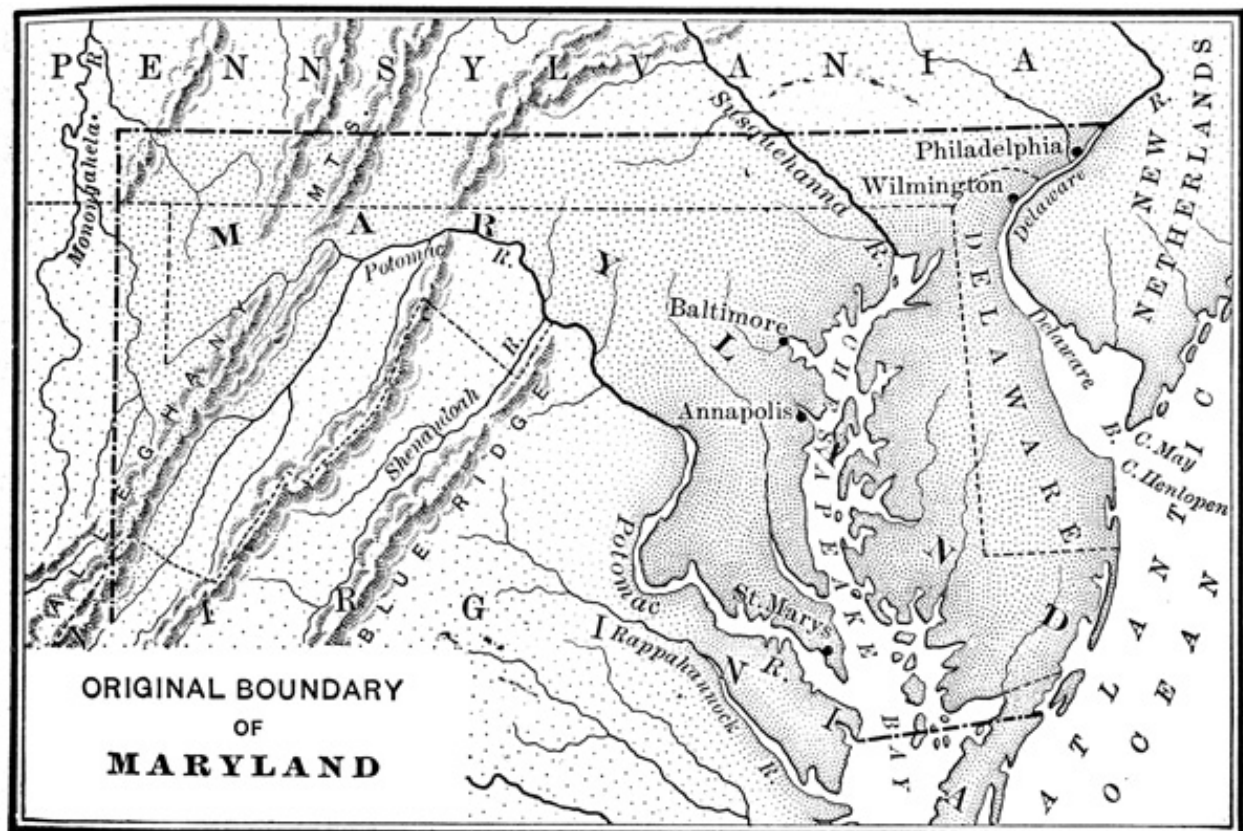
Jane Moore, M/Thomas Hoskinson, Planter.

Mary Moore, M/John Summers Jr., Planter.

Peter Moore, Planter, M/

Benjamin Moore, Planter, b. 1706, M/1729 Esther.

There was also a William Moore, Planter, b. 1676, who married Rachel Medford. James Sr. deeded land to this William and he has been reported as being a son of James. However, this William was not a son of James, but was a son of a John Moore and wife Mary. John died and Mary remarried to a Faulkner, then later remarried to Hugh Ryley another land holder who was mentioned many times in the records of those years. The writer believes that John, father of William was probably a brother to James, as William's family seemed to have been close with James's family throughout their existence in Prince George County. Land Deed Libr#D) 1708/1710.



# Second Generation

## John Hodgkinson II

1651 – 1689 England

### Time Line of History during John Hodgkinson II's Life

1651 - 1689

Date	Event	John II's Age
1649-1660	Oliver Cromwell rules (Stuart)	1-9
1651	<b>Anne Hodgkinson gives birth to John II Hodgkinson</b>	0
1655	Oliver Cromwell allows Jews back in England	4
1660-1685	Reign of King Charles II (Stuart)	9-34
1664-1665	Great Plague in London kills 68,596	13-14
1664	English take New York from the Dutch, no shots fired	13
1666	First American Bible Printed	15
1675-1676	King Phillip's War	24-25
1678	<b>John is married to Mary Birchall 13 Apr 1678</b>	27
1679	Habeas Corpus passed in England - trial before imprisonment	28
1679	<b>Mary gives birth to Thomas Hoskinson Sr. <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	28
1680	Dodo becomes extinct	29
1681	Pennsylvania founded	30
1681	<b>Mary gives birth to James Hoskinson</b>	30
1683	Newton explains tides via theory of gravitation	32
1683	<b>Mary gives birth to a Daughter Elizabeth</b>	32
1688	Plate glass cast for 1st time	37
1689	Reign of King William III and Queen Mary II (Stuart) Starts	38
1689	<b>John Hodgkinson Dies at age 38</b>	

# Second Generation

## Family Group Record

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<b>Husband Robert Hoopes</b>		
Born	18 Aug 1639	Place Moorsom, Yorkshire County, England
Chr.		Place
Died	9 Dec 1719	Place
Buried		Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
Married	Aug 1663	Place Preston, Anderness, Lancastershire, England
Husband's father	John Hoopes	
Husband's mother	Isabell CALVERT	
<b>Wife Eleanor Hodgkinson</b>		
Born	Abt 1638	Place Preston, Lancanshire, England
Chr.		Place
Died	30 Mar 1730	Place , Lurgan, Armagh, Ireland
Buried		Place
Wife's father	John Hodgkinson	
Wife's mother	Anne	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	<b>F Ann Hoopes</b>	
	Born	22 Oct 1664 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	<b>M John Hoopes</b>	
	Born	4 Oct 1666 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1743 Place Prince Georges County, Maryland
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
3	<b>M Abraham Hoopes</b>	
	Born	14 Nov 1668 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	11 Feb 1670 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
4	<b>F Sarah Hoopes</b>	
	Born	6 Jan 1671 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	11 Oct 1672 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
5	<b>F Tabitha Hoopes</b>	
	Born	19 Nov 1672 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	12 Mar 1673 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
6	<b>M Elisha Hoopes</b>	
	Born	15 Mar 1674 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1 Aug 1695 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
7	<b>F Sarah Hoopes</b>	
	Born	16 Dec 1676 Place Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place



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Husband		Robert Hoopes	
Wife		Eleanor Hodgkinson	
Children		List each child in order of birth.	
8	F	Ruth Hoopes	
		Born	14 Feb 1679
		Chr.	
		Died	
		Buried	
		Spouse	
		Married	
9	M	Moses Hoopes	
		Born	27 Mar 1681
		Chr.	
		Died	16 Dec 1682
		Buried	
		Spouse	
		Married	
10	F	Mary Hoopes	
		Born	28 Jan 1683
		Chr.	
		Died	
		Buried	
		Spouse	
		Married	

**Eleanor HODGKINSON** (John ) was born about 1638 in Preston, Lancashire County, England. She died on 30 Mar 1730 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.

Eleanor married **Robert HOOPES** son of John HOOPES and Isabelle CALVERT in Aug 1663 in Preston

Robert and Eleanor had the following children:

- F i **Ann HOOPES** was born on 22 Oct 1664 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- M ii **John HOOPES** was born on 4 Oct 1666 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. He died in 1743 in , Prince Georges County, Maryland.
- M iii **Abraham HOOPES** was born on 14 Nov 1668 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. He died on 11 Feb 1670 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- F iv **Sarah HOOPES** was born on 6 Jan 1671 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. She died on 11 Oct 1672 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- F v **Tabitha HOOPES** was born on 19 Nov 1672 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. She died on 12 Mar 1673 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- M vi **Elisha HOOPES** was born on 15 Mar 1674 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. He died on 1 Aug 1695 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- F vii **Sarah HOOPES** was born on 16 Dec 1676 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- F viii **Ruth HOOPES** was born on 14 Feb 1679 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- M ix **Moses HOOPES** was born on 27 Mar 1681 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. He died on 16 Dec 1682 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.
- F x **Mary HOOPES** was born on 28 Jan 1683 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland.

## Family Group Record

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Husband <b>John Hodgkinson</b>		
Born	15 Feb 1651	Place   St. John's Parish Preston, Lancashire Co., England
Chr.		Place
Died	Aft 1689	Place
Buried		Place
Married	13 Apr 1678	Place   St. John's Parish, Preston, Lancashire Co., England
Husband's father	John Hodgkinson	
Husband's mother	Anne	
Wife <b>Mary Birchall</b>		
Born		Place
Chr.		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		
Children     List each child in order of birth.		
1	<b>M   Thomas Hoskinson Senior</b>	
	Born	1 Feb     Place   Preston, Lancashire County, England
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Abt 1743/1744     Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Jane Moore
	Married	1708/1709     Place   Rock Creek Parish, Prince George Co., Maryland, USA
2	<b>M   James Hoskinson</b>	
	Born	14 Aug 1681     Place
	Chr.	Place
	Died	26 Oct 1689     Place   Preston, Lancashire County, England
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
3	<b>F   Elizabeth</b>	
	Born	Mar 1683     Place
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1 Nov 1689     Place   Preston, Lancashire County, England
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place

**2. John HODGKINSON Jr.** (John ) was born on 15 Feb 1651 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.

This generation of our direct Hoskinson line begins in 1651 in St. Johns Parish, in the town of Preston, Lancashire County, England with John Hodgkinson, the father of our Thomas Hoskinson. John was born there on 15 February 1651. The father of this John was also a John Hodgkinson of Preston and is believed to have been born there about 1620.

Our John Hodgkinson (Jr.), a Butcher, was married to Mary Birchall on 13 April 1678 in St. Johns Parish. John and Mary had three children that could be determined. Our Thomas, who was born on 1 February 1679, James, born on 14 August 1681, and Elizabeth, born in March of 1683. Unfortunately James and Elizabeth died very young and at nearly the same time, James on 26 October 1689, and Elizabeth on 1 November, 1689, just 6 days apart. Their deaths occurring so close together could certainly suggest that some type of plague or other catastrophe was loose in the community, which was not at all uncommon in those times.

Preston is located along the Irish Sea coast, near the mouth of the River Ribble, on the northwest side of England, 25 miles north of Liverpool. Preston was already a very old town when Thomas was born. It gained its name sometime in the dark ages, just after the Romans left and before 500 AD. The name PRESTON, meaning "Priest Town" is said to come from its being owned at one time by Monks. In this area's lifetime it has survived the Roman legions, Normans, Saxons, the medieval times, Cavaliers, Roundheads, Royalists, Rebels and other groups that have fought and battled for its control over the centuries. This was done with bow and arrow, sword and shield, spear and mace and many other ancient type weapons, ending in the gunpowder era. In 1322 the Scots army of Robert Bruce set fire to the town and later the town was a major battle field in the Civil war between the Royalists and Parliamentary forces.

In its history it has also enjoyed many good times along with the bad and has survived into the present day in a peaceful and prosperous manner. Linen spinning and cloth making was its earliest trade, going back before the 12th and 13th centuries. A petition given in 1704 stated that "linen cloth making had been a settled trade in that area for many ages". The later years brought in all types of industrial and commercial enterprises which have allowed the town to develop into an important modern center.

There were many Hodgkinsons in and around Preston in the 14th , 15th and 16th centuries. It is not known from where they originated, but given the history of Preston was no doubt from central or northern Europe. Some have said they came from Norway, but I did not find any specifics about this in my research. A number of Hodgkinsons are mentioned in the history of the area. Some were active in the history of Preston in both its political and Industrial evolution. Starting in 1572 a James Hodgkinson and George Horsey ran for Parliamentary Election. Later several Hodgkinsons were elected and held posts as Mayors and bailiffs: 1599 H. Hodgkinson Mayor; 1604 R. Hodgkinson, Mayor; 1607 H. Hodgkinson, Mayor; 1688 Wm. Hodgkinson Bailiff; 1660 Jas. Hodgkinson mayor; 1851 Jas. Hodgkinson1 Mayor and Richard Hodgkinson Bailiff; 1662 Richard Hodgkinson, Bailiff; 1564 Luke Hodgkinson mayor; 1572 T. Hodgkinson, Mayor; 1674 Luke Hodgkinson, mayor; 1677 L. Hodgkinson mayor; In 1680 the last of the Hodgkinson mayors was T. Hodgkinson. There were others who were Aldermen etc, including a Thomas Hodgkinson of Preston in 1678.

In 1662 James Hodgkinson was mayor during a Guild meeting and celebration: which was a big event lasting several weeks and was held about every 20 years. The Guild represented and controlled the working people, businesses and trades, something on the order of a department of Labor.

It was noted in the history that in the 16th century the inner walls of the parish Church were encrusted with monuments of every age and style The names of those who flourished in this ancient borough were placed on tablets, cut most curiously from marble1 to the memory of the following persons who had ruled, and respected the laws of this kingdom in their time. Hodgkinson was one of the many names inscribed there. In the mid 1600's a J.B. Hodgkinson provided for, and presented the new museum at Preston, with a large collection of mounted birds of the British Islands.

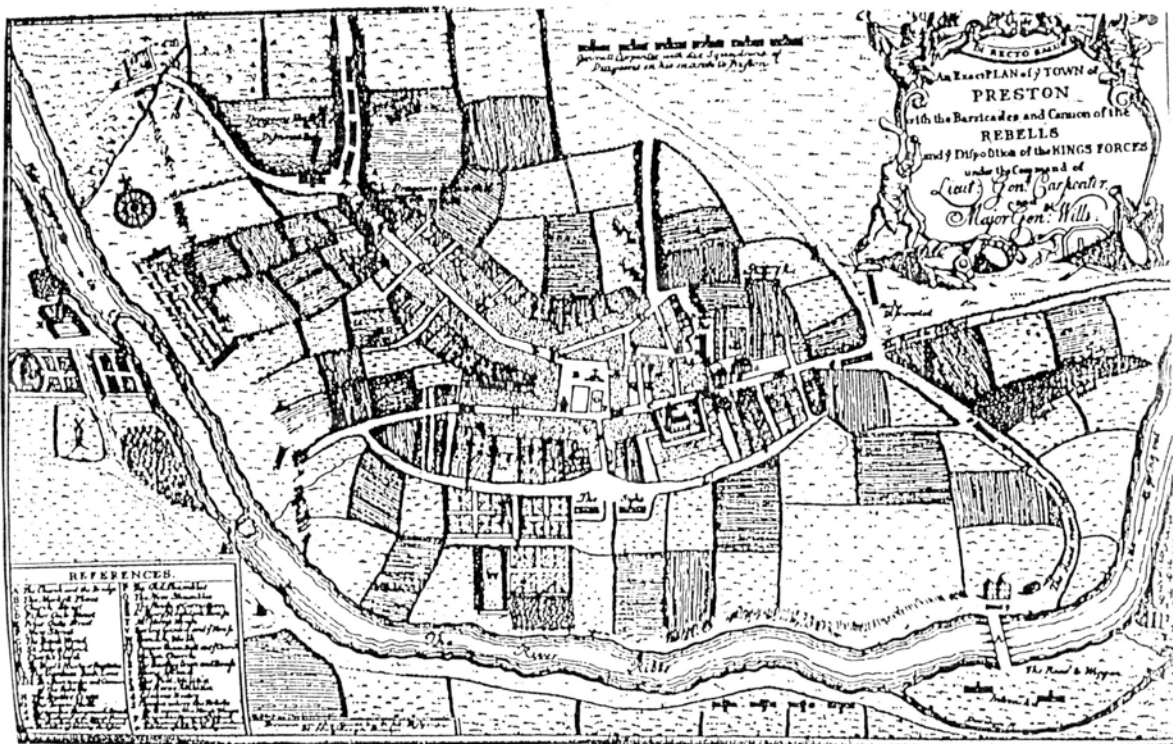
At the time that Thomas migrated to the plantations in Maryland the Preston area was undergoing some difficult and hard times<sup>1</sup> something that had plagued its people off and on for generations. This no doubt had some influence and bearing on why and when Thomas left for America. Other than his siblings it is not known what happened to his parents, they may have died before Thomas left which would have added to his problems. In trying to learn more about Thomas's family I researched all of the available Church records and WILLS probated under the letter "H" for the Preston/Lancashire area. This was for the time period from 1683 to 1710, but found only the John Hodgkinson born in 1651 who is believed to have been Thomas's father. [*An Outline of the Azariah Hoskins/Hoskinson Family History; Robert J. Hoskins; Raleigh, North Carolina*]

John married **Mary BIRCHALL** on 13 Apr 1678 in St. Johns Parish, Preston, Lancashire County, England. Mary was born about 1657 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.

John & Mary had the following children:

- M i **3. Thomas HOSKINSON Sr.**
- M ii **James HODGKINSON** was born on 14 Aug 1681 in Preston, Lancashire County, England. He died on 26 Oct 1689 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.
- F iii **Elizabeth HODGKINSON** was born in Mar 1683 in Preston, Lancashire County, England. She died on 1 Nov 1689 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.

A very old map of the town of Preston in the mid to late 1600's





# The First Documented Ancestor of Our Hoskins Heritage

## John Hodgkinson abt. 1615 Preston England

### Time Line of History during John Hodgkinson's Life

Date	Event	John's Age
1615	Reign of King James I (Stuart)	0-10
1615	<b>John Hodgkinson is born</b>	
1620	Mayflower lands at Plymouth	5
1625	English population in America hits 2000	10
1625-1649	Reign of King Charles I (Stuart)	10-34
1626	Manhattan island purchased from Indians by Dutch	11
1629	Colony of Massachusetts founded	14
1634	1st settlement in Maryland	19
1635	Connecticut first settled	20
1635	<b>John &amp; Anne are Married</b>	20
1638	<b>Anne Gives birth to a daughter Eleanor</b>	23
1639	1st printing press in America (Massachusetts)	24
1642-1649	English Civil War	27-34
1649-1660	Oliver Cromwell rules (Stuart)	34-45
1650	World pop. est. at 500 million	35
1651	<b>Anne Gives birth to a son John Jr. <i>Our Ancestor</i></b>	36
1655	Oliver Cromwell allows Jews back in England	40
1660-1685	Reign of King Charles II (Stuart)	
1664-1665	Great Plague in London kills 68,596	49-50
1664	English take New York from the Dutch, no shots fired	49
1666	First American Bible Printed	51
	<b>No Date for John's Death</b>	

# First Generation

## Family Group Record

<b>Husband John Hodgkinson</b>			
Born	Abt 1615	Place	St. John's Parish Preston, Lancashire Co., England
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	1635	Place	Preston, Lancashire County, England
Husband's father			
Husband's mother			
<b>Wife Anne</b>			
Born		Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father			
Wife's mother			
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
1	M	<b>John Hodgkinson</b>	
	Born	15 Feb 1651	Place St. John's Parish Preston, Lancashire Co., England
	Chr.		Place
	Died	Aft 1689	Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Mary Birchall	
	Married	13 Apr 1678	Place St. John's Parish, Preston, Lancashire Co., England
2	F	<b>Eleanor Hodgkinson</b>	
	Born	Abt 1638	Place Preston, Lancashire, England
	Chr.		Place
	Died	30 Mar 1730	Place , Lurgan, Armagh, Ireland
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Robert Hoopes	
	Married	Aug 1663	Place Preston, Anderness, Lancastershire, England

**1. John HODGKINSON** was born about 1615 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.

Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania 1682-1750 With Their Early History in Ireland

Some Extracts from Records of Lurgan Monthly Meeting, Ireland, Etc.

Established in 1705.

John married **Anne** in 1635 in Preston, Lancashire County, England.

They had the following children:

F i **Eleanor HODGKINSON**

M ii **2. John HODGKINSON Jr.**

Name: Robert Hoopes [Hoope] (**Husband of Eleanor Hodgkinson**)

Comment:

"Son of John Hoopes of Moorsom (neer Gisbrough) in Yorkshire in England, and of Isabell his wife, was born in Moorsom aforesd (*as previously mentioned*)" 18 Aug 1639. "He came to Ireland Anno dom (*Anno dom = The Year of our Lord*): 1660 being a tailor by trade. About the beginning of the eight month Anno dom: 1663 he took to wife Eleanor ye daughter of John Hodgkinson and of Ann his wife of Preston in Anderness in Lancashire in England aforesd who was born in the Sd town about the Anno dom 1638: and had by her Children borne as followth": Ann, b. 10 Mo. 22, 1664, at Lurgan; John, b. 10 Mo. 4, 1666, at Lurgan; Abraham, b. 11 Mo. 14, 1668, at Lurgan.--Lurgan Records.

In the Lurgan MM records of Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland, the marriage of John Hodgkinson and Anne is recorded as having taken place in 1635. The Lurgan Monthly Meeting was established in 1705. Since, the births of their children occurred in Preston, Lancashire County, England, it is likely that the marriage also occurred there.



A map of England showing where Thomas had lived and the port of Liverpool where he sailed to the new world from.



## Preston England

Preston is a borough and the administrative center of Lancashire, northwestern England, on the Ribble River, near the Irish Sea. Preston is an important port, handling a large trade with Ireland. It is also a market center for the surrounding agricultural area. Among the many manufactures here are textiles, aircraft parts, machinery, and electrical equipment. Preston is the seat of Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture (1894), the University of Central Lancashire (1992, formerly a polytechnic college), and a grammar school (1550). Preston received its first charter in the 12th century and grew in the Middle Ages as an important market center. In 1648, during the English Revolution, the Parliamentary forces of Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royalists here.





## Potomac family proud of military service

By: Dana Schaumburg

Danville Commercial News abt. 2003

POTOMAC — For the Hoskins family, serving in the military is an honor. Starting with John Hoskins in August 1944, family member after family member has enlisted to serve his or her time. Out of eight brothers, six were in the service, and the husbands of both sisters also have served. "We just felt like it was our duty to do what we could," said Harold Hoskins, 59, one of the brothers who served in the Army from March 1963 through March 1966. "It was a good experience," he said. When talking to the

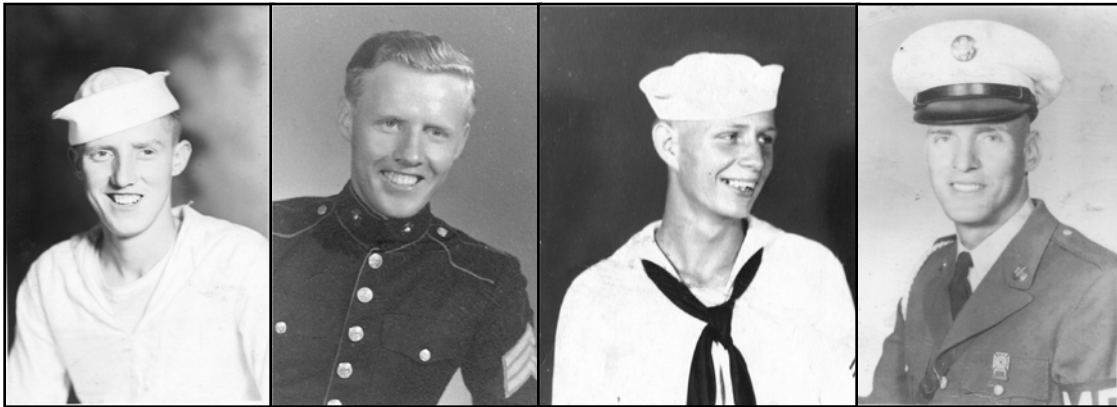


Hoskins family members, a visitor notices a sense of pride in having served in the military and the importance of being patriotic. Ever since Tammy Hoskins, 43, can remember, there has been an American flag flying at home. "My family's always done it. We've always had a flag flying out front," Hoskins, who served in the Army, said. She is the daughter of Gordon Hoskins, one of the brothers who served from May 1952 to May 1956. Most of them talked about how serving in the military allowed them to travel and see the world while also being able to provide for a large family back home in Potomac. John, 77, said he was only 17 years old when he joined the Navy. "It was wartime, and I didn't think they could win the war unless I was over there," he said. Although he never saw any action, John saw the after-effects in Hawaii. But joining the Navy was an escape from the small town life and a way to see the world, he said. "I would have never seen what I did if I hadn't been in the service," he said. It also gave him a vocation when he returned to the area.

Adam Hoskins, 66, was the only one who was drafted into the Navy in December 1960. He served until December 1962. He said that he would not have gone into the service if he hadn't been drafted but it was two of the best years of his life. "I had a lot of fun and met a lot of people," he said. Richard Hoskins, 72, is another brother who served his time in the Marines from July 1948 to July 1952. Richard said he went in as a way to help support his family. "I just felt like there was a burden on my father to feed all those kids." Richard said he believes the service is like an education, adding, "It was a necessity really." Out of the eight brothers, two were unable to serve because of medical conditions. And now there are those in the Hoskins family who currently are serving or plan to when they turn old enough. Tammy's son, Zedaki Hadley, turns 18 today and plans to enlist Wednesday because he wants to see the world and receive money for college, she said. There is a lot of family pride that goes into being a Hoskins. The family motto is "Action by deeds, not words." Several of the brothers get together at least once a week at the Potomac American Legion to talk. They also will help put on a memorial service today at Judy Park in Potomac. John participates by asking children at the service

questions and giving out flags as rewards for answering correctly. "This is one way of kind of getting the kids involved in the ceremony," he said. And all six brothers are members of the Potomac American Legion. Albert Hoskins served in the Navy from December 1958 to October 1962. Lee Flack, Eva Hoskins' husband, served in the Marines, and Donald Adams, Esther Hoskins' husband, served in the Army. "We're involved with the public a lot," John said. Out of the Hoskins' brothers and sisters, there are at least nine offspring who have served or are serving in the military. Cole Hoskins, Gordon's grandson, is a Marine who has been serving in Iraq and will be going back again. Tammy said people ask why she is proud of her nephew serving there. "He's fighting for our freedom," she answers.

Just some of Our Family that's been in the Military

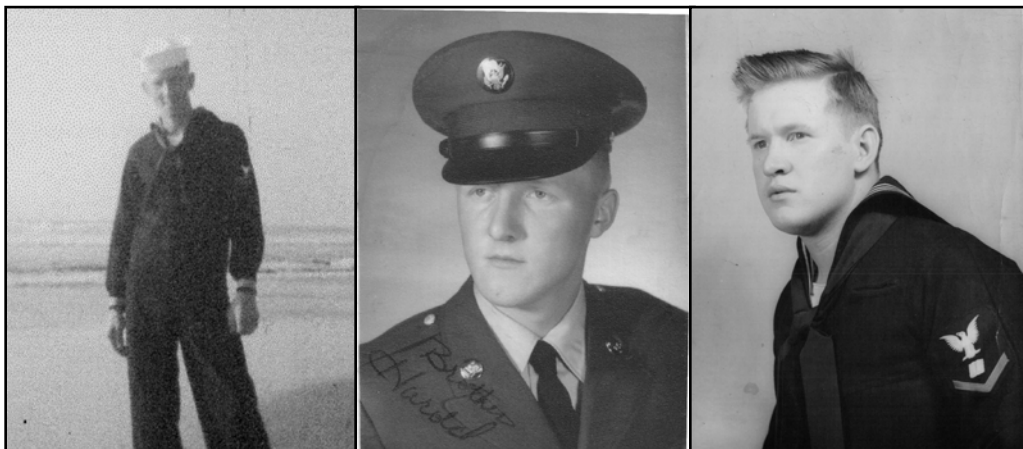


John Hoskins  
US Navy

Richard Hoskins  
USMC

Gordon Hoskins  
US Navy

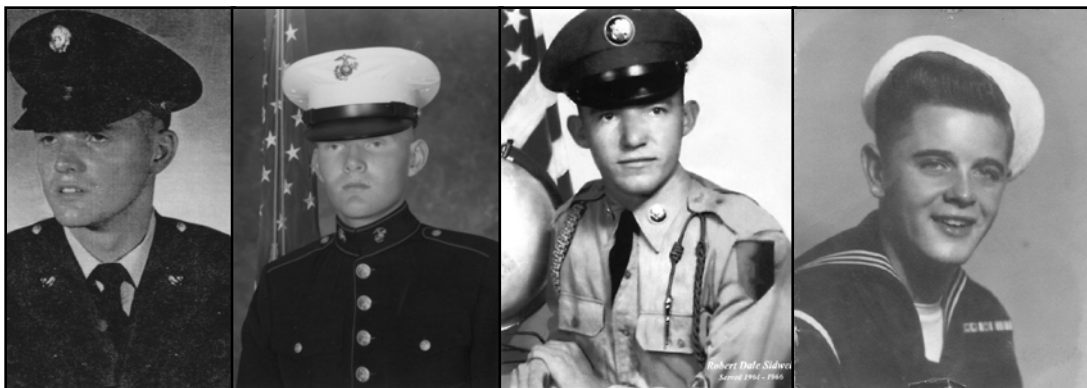
Adam Hoskins  
Military Police



Albert Hoskins  
US Navy

Harold Hoskins  
US Army

James R Spain  
US Navy



Jerry Hoskins  
US Army

James C. Hoskins  
USMC

Robert D. Sidwell  
US Army

Ellis F. Bryant  
US Navy  
Hulda's Son-In-Law



Sean Willison  
US Navy  
Joey Hoskins Son

Steve Pettice  
US Navy  
Marilyn Sue (Hoskins)  
Pettice's Husband

Tom Spain  
US Navy

Dennis L. Bryant  
US Army



Brandon Starkey  
Wendy (Hoskins)  
Starkey's Husband  
USMC

Brandon Hoskins  
Dwayne Hoskins'  
Son  
USAF

Duane Peterson  
Great Grandson of  
Fred Hoskins  
Sheri (Hobaugh's) Son

Ed Cundiff  
USMC



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Members of the Hoskins family fill a Potomac park pavilion Saturday as Mary Blakenship of the U.S. Navy takes a re-enlistment oath from Thomas Spain at the Hoskins family reunion.

## Potomac reunion draws hundreds

**By Jennifer Weakley**  
Staff Writer

POTOMAC — It's hard to guess what will take place each year at the Hoskins family reunion.

In the almost 40 years of reunions — which usually attract 200-500 people to a park in Potomac — there has been a wedding, a death and almost a baby born.

At this year's reunion Saturday, an emotional event was Thomas J. Spain re-enlisting in the Navy.

Spain, who was raised in the Potomac area and now lives in Terre Haute, Ind., was sworn in for the remainder of his 20 years in the Navy.

Eva "Sis" Flack, 65, Pence, Ind., says she looks forward to

the reunion every year.

She said at the start, relatives were tired of boring reunions, so in 1963 the reunions began to focus around the children.

"They wanted to keep the kids and teen-agers happy so they'd want to come back year after year," Flack said. "It has just gotten bigger and bigger every year."

Lynanne Martin, also of Pence, Ind., agreed that she didn't look forward to going to reunions when she was younger and having relatives she didn't know very well pinch her cheeks all the time.

That changed, however, when the reunions became more fun.

This year, relatives started staking out their campsites

Wednesday and will stay until this afternoon or Monday morning.

Relatives came from several states, including Kentucky, California, Florida and Michigan.

The reunion features a variety of games, including volleyball, euchre and an egg toss, prizes for children, a wiener roast, music provided by a disc jockey and, probably the most popular event, an auction.

"Everything has to be homemade," Flack said of the auction.

Family members make crafts to be auctioned, with the money raised paying for the next reunion.

Martin said the auction gets competitive because one

family tries to outbid another.

"It gets hilarious," she said.

Flack said the reunions are a way for everyone to stay acquainted with each other and keep informed of their heritage.

"It takes quite a bit of planning, but it's a lot of fun," she said.

Flack and Martin realize their large family reunions are unique and are something to cherish.

"There's no other distraction here," Martin said of the park in Potomac, adding that there's no lake or separate areas for people to go off on their own. "We have to entertain ourselves."

Flack added that it's just a lot of fun to eat together and enjoy each other's company.



## Potomac resident designs veterans' memorial

\$12,000 project to  
be finished by city's  
125th anniversary

**By Alice Pollock**  
Staff Writer

POTOMAC — John Hoskins, a former American Legion commander, dreamed of doing something for others about five years ago.

Since that time, Hoskins, 73, has brainstormed ideas on how he wanted to accomplish his dream. About a year ago, he finally came up with a design

and a way to bring Potomac its very own veterans' memorial.

It will recognize area individuals who served in the armed services.

"I wanted to do something that represented all phases of the service, from different wars to honor those who went out and done their part," Hoskins said.

The memorial, to encompass about 12 feet of space complete with landscaping, benches and flags, is expected to be completed by 2001, allowing the organization time to raise funds. The memorial will sport a sphere at the top symbolizing

all areas of the service.

Hoskins said the idea is to dedicate the memorial to the village during the 125th anniversary celebration.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$12,000, said Loretta Burke, secretary of the committee. The memorial will be placed at the north edge of the cemetery near the highway.

Ground for the memorial was donated by banker Gordon Rice.

Bricks will be sold bearing the names and the insignia of which branch of the service the veteran served in. Deceased veterans will have a star inscribed on the brick, said Burke.

The committee will also hold its first fish fry fund-raiser Saturday at the American Legion. Dinners will include a fish sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade pie and a drink for \$5. Tickets for a chance to win a 50-inch big screen television will be sold. The TV will be given away on Sept. 12 at the Potomac Artesian Fall Festival.

"So far we have had a good response to this," Hoskins said. "It's something that will take time, but will really be worth it. We just want to be able to get everyone involved who wants to be involved and try to represent

as many veterans as possible."

Hoskins said he hopes that future generations will be able to look back at the history of

their families and be proud.

"We want this to serve as a reminder and for everyone to be happy with what it is."

### Fast facts

The Potomac Veterans' Memorial Committee is selling bricks for the Veterans' Memorial for \$35 for the name of one veteran or person, \$40 for the names of two

people or \$50 for two bricks with two names. Bricks will be sold during the fish fry fund-raiser from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion on Grant Street.

## 'Put the steaks on the grill. I'm coming home.'

**By Laura Frank**  
Commercial-News Staff Writer

Sherry Cundiff can't stop giggling.

"I feel great," she says.

That's because at 10 a.m. Thursday, her husband, Marine reservist Ed Cundiff, called from the Persian Gulf.

"Put the steaks on the grill," he told his mother, Pat. "I'm coming home."

Ed Cundiff is with Danville's Company G in the Persian Gulf. His bags are packed, ready to go, but he said he wasn't sure when the Marines would be sent home.

That almost doesn't matter to Sherry Cundiff. In fact, she forgot to ask her mother-in-law if Ed said when he might come home. Only after a friend asked her about it did she think of him coming home.

Sherry's main concern now is that the cease-fire lasts, that the war is really finished.

"I won't really believe it until I see Ed here and the last POW home," she said.

Ed Cundiff hasn't seen his wife, or his 5-month-old son Alex, since Company G left Danville Dec. 2. Alex Cundiff looks like his father, with a tint of red in his sparse hair.

"He's trying to turn himself over from his back to his tummy," Sherry said.

She hopes Ed can make it home in time to see Alex roll over for the first time. And she wants to show him how Alex tries to roll his hands when they play patty-cake.

"There are so many new things each month that babies do," she said. "I can't wait for Ed to come home and see this."

The war sent Sherry scuttling between both grandparents' houses, living two weeks with one set, then two weeks with the other. The confusion got to be too much, and she finally decided just to live in her own house.

But the situation could have been much worse. Sherry is a soldier with the 387th Quartermaster Battalion. The only reason she isn't with them now in the Persian Gulf is Alex. She had just given birth to Alex when the 387th was called to active duty, so she didn't have to go.

Now she's hoping her life can get back to normal, back to the way it was before Scud became a household word and oak trees were tied with yellow ribbons.

She wants to go back to the way things were before her husband left, and she began washing heads at a local beauty salon for extra



Photos by Rich Stefaniak and Chuck Cannady  
Sherry Cundiff and her son, Alex.

money.

But things will be a little different, for sure, she said.

"I think the war brought us all a little closer together," Sherry said. "We're all depending on each other. We know how much we mean to each other."



# THE COMMERCIAL-NEWS

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## Marines Fire Salute for Vietnam Casualty

Firing squad for salute during services at Spring Hill Cemetery yesterday for Marine Pfc. Kenneth McAllister of Danville, killed March 14 by enemy artillery near Quang Nam, Vietnam, includes members of inspector-instructor staff at local Marine Corps Reserve training center.

### 2. In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY of Ken McAllister, who passed away 2 years ago, March 14, 1968. Beautiful memories are my treasure forever. That even death did not sever. My heart yearns for what can never be. Twenty short years God gave him to me.  
Mom

### 3. Card of Thanks



IN LOVING MEMORY of Kenneth McAllister, who passed away 2 years ago, March 14, 1968. The world changes year to year, And friends from day to day, But never will the one I loved From memory pass away.  
Wife, Connie.

### Births

Births at Lake View:  
June 22—A daughter to David and Janice Neff Hack, Oakwood.  
June 22—A daughter to Jack and Kathleen Qualey Jones, 1302 W. Williams.  
June 22 — A son of the late Kenneth and Connie Huttsett McAllister, 412 Harmon.



GRADUATES — Marine Pfc. Franklin L. Spain, son of Mrs. H. A. Jarman, 2007 Pucker Street Drive, graduated April 14 from two-week Aviation Familiarization School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn. A Niles Senior High School graduate, he entered the service in September, 1960.



### CLARENCE HOSKINS

A 1960 graduate of Danville High School has been promoted to specialist 4c with the 7th Army Quartermaster Corps in Europe. He is Clarence Wayne Hoskins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoskins of 907 Maple St.



Sherry Pettice  
Cundiff  
USMC



Alden Hoskins  
USMC

## **One Soldier's Price**

By Jim Hoskins

You can hear it in the wind, blowing on a fresh spring night.  
You can feel it from your Mother's heart, you know everything's alright.

You can see it in the eyes of a child, who's content with being free.  
You can't package it, sell it, or wrap it up, it's just something that has to be.

But, can you see it in a soldier's eyes, or feel it from his heart?  
A man of shine and polish, whose life may soon depart.

A man who has a memory of a girl where he used to stay.  
A man with a family and hopes, that are all so far away.

He crawls, he aims, he pulls the trigger, he fights so he won't die.  
He does it because he knows this thing, the reason it is and why.

He knows what can be taken away if the war he fights ends.  
His freedom, his family, his life, where can he begin.

He stoops over his buddies body and prays to the lord above.  
You can see it now, one soldier's price, the price he paid for Love.



On Memorial Day in Potomac, Illinois 2008 the local American Legion gave out roses to the ladies who served or whose husband's served in the armed forces. My dad asked if I would write a poem for the occasion.

Below: John Hoskins and  
Wendy Hoskins Starkey

Below John Hoskins and  
Phyllis Sue Hoskins



### **Freedom's Rose**

By Jim Hoskins

This rose is very special, made by gods own hands.  
It grew in the land of freedom, by the sacrifice of man.

A land that's rich in courage, knowing what could be lost.  
Some gave their all for liberty no matter what the cost.

In spirit they watch over us their mortal bodies lay.  
Our world a much better place for the sacrifice they gave.

In this land of freedom we keep their memories close.  
By remembering this Memorial Day, this gift of Freedom's Rose.





## The Scrapbook Section

This Final section contains a little of this, and a little of that. There were a few pictures that I wanted to share, a few cousins pictures, a few newspaper articles and obituaries. I hope you enjoyed this book as much as I have enjoyed discovering my family heritage.

(Jim) James Charles Hoskins 2012

## The Tree of Life

By J.C. Hoskins

I remember when I was young and growing like a tree.  
My branches blowing in the wind, enjoying life so free.

I watched as other trees, bent their branches towards the sun.  
While I was playing busily, swaying and having fun.

I didn't notice as I matured, I was getting set in my ways.  
As time passed me by, it was harder to change each day.

My branches crossed in destructive paths, cutting deep within my limbs.  
My life was in danger as I started drowning in my sins.

I watched as an old acquaintance of mine had done the same as I.  
He leaned and bent from earthly ware, which was causing him to die.

If only I had listened to that still small voice within.  
What blessings I would have reaped and not be at this dreadful end.

Oh how I prayed that I had reached my branches towards the sun.  
When a gardener came to me and said there is much that needs be done.

He pruned away my bad limbs and nourished all my needs.  
He cut my branches down to size indeed he humbled me.

I feel I have a new start now as if life as just begun.  
And so I'll reach out straight and strong, my branches towards the sun.



*John*



*Penny*



*Penny Harold Lester  
Debby Dad Gale Mom  
1961*



*Pete*



*Adam*



*Lester*



*Bill*



Adam, Sis, Bill, Harry W., Pete, Richard, John,  
Albert, Penny, Lester, Harold



## Armstrong, Rankin Girls Wed Brothers in Double Rites



MRS. WILBUR SPAIN



MRS. TRUMAN SPAIN

**ARMSTRONG**—A double wedding ceremony performed Saturday, May 23, 1942, at Kansas City, Mo., united in marriage two Vermillion County couples.

They were Miss June Stutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Stutz, of near Armstrong and Wilbur Spain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spain, of near Potomac and Miss Marjorie Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Owens of near Rankin, and Truman Spain, also the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spain.

The single ring ceremony was read by the Rev. John T. Webb of Kansas City, in the presence of

Mrs. Spain, mother of the bridegrooms.

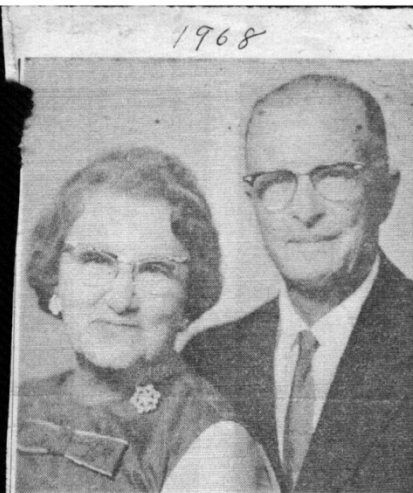
Both brides wore floor length dresses of all crepe, Miss Stutz in pink and Miss Owens in blue. Each wore a corsage of gardenias and white accessories. Miss Stutz is graduating from Armstrong High School with the class of 1942 and Miss Owens graduated from Armstrong High School in 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spain returned here Sunday to make their home in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Spain will live in Kansas City, where he is in training as an air corps mechanic.

## MR. AND MRS. BUCK SPAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Spain of Potomac celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during an open house from 1-4 p.m., on Saturday, May 23, at the American Legion Hall in Potomac. The event was sponsored by their children.

Spain and Marjorie Owens were married on May 23, 1942, at Kansas City, Mo. He is retired from Chanute Field. They have 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. MARLEY HOSKINS

## Couple to Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary

**WEST LEBANON** — Mr. and Mrs. Marley Hoskins of West Lebanon will hold an open house at the home of their son, Robert Hoskins, in West Lebanon from 2 to 5 p.m. March 17 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married in Danville, Ill., March 16, 1918. She is the former Dorothy Hendricks. They have resided in the West Lebanon vicinity all their married life except for a short time in South Bend where their son was born. They have three grandchildren.

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## TAMMY HOSKINS

A daughter was born Wednesday, April 27, to Gordon R. "Bill" and Barbara Hardesty Hoskins, at Lakeview Hospital, Danville. She was named Tammy Kay and weighed eight pounds. She has two brothers, Gus O'Dean, three, and Kim O'Neil, two. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Purl Hardesty of Gardena, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoskins, Potomac.



## BECOME PARENTS OF SON, THURSDAY

John T. and Kathryn Rogers Hoskins are parents of a son born at 3:10 a.m. (CST) Thursday, August 7, in Lakeview Hospital, Danville. He weighed five pounds and has been named James Charles.

Jimmy has a sister, Sue, age nine, and two brothers, Steve, eight, and Jerry, seven. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers of Oakwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hoskins.

RES. 765-3076  
BUS. 765-4161



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## Debra Jean Hoskins

A daughter was born Jan. 4 to Harry H. and Carol Golden Hoskins at 12:26 a.m.

She weighed seven pounds eight ounces and has been named Debra Jean. Mother and daughter arrived home from the hospital last Sunday.

This is the first grandchild for Don and Doris Golden of Downs, and the fourth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoskins.





Julia Spain Marrow, LaVonne Spain Crawford, Laverna Spain Wright and June Spain Duncan, Aug 2001 Hoskins Reunion, Potomac, Vermillion Co., IL Park



Bobby Spain Jr., Karen, Tom and Bob Spain Sr.



Buck and Marge Spain



Bobby Spain Jr., Karen, and Bob Spain Sr.



Leah Ruth Cox Spain and daughter Karen Spain



"Buck"  
Truman Franklin Spain



Dale & Beverly Hoskins & Family



↓ Eva May Hoskins



Allen Crumley 1944-1945  
 Jimmy Morgan  
 Bobbie  
 Lenora Tutwiler  
 Betty Richards  
 Harley Cummings  
 Frank Loran  
 Harold Jolley  
 Carroll Alexander

Lois Ingalls  
 Fay Loran  
 Lenora Nelson  
 Nancy M. Gibson  
 Betty Duncan  
 Vivian Crighton  
 Marilyn Smith  
 Darlene Ellis  
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 Cunningham  
 Eva Hoskins  
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Thelma Bird  
 Esther Moss  
 Wainita Lindsay  
 Louise Norton  
 Margie Burkhardt  
 Christen Royer  
 Dorsey Beademan  
 Wainita Griffin  
 Harriet Thompson  
 Mary Beezle

Eva May  
 Ernel Smith  
 Lucille Shone  
 Pauline Lander  
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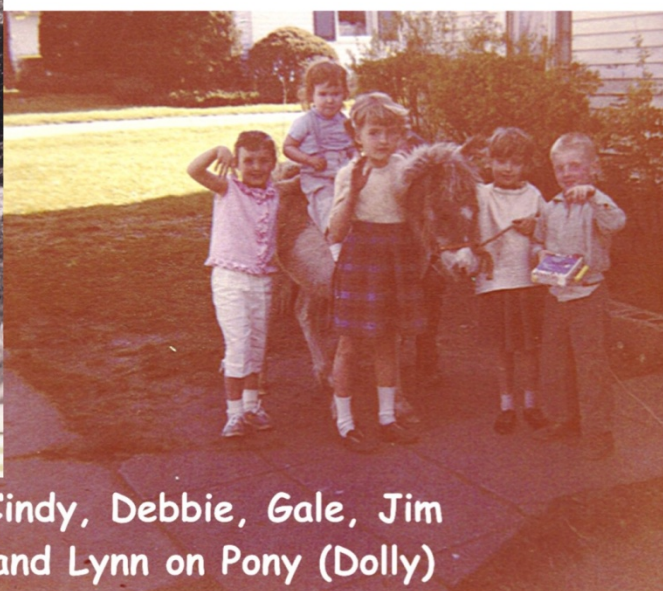
Truman "Buck" Spain, Alice Spain Miller Brown, Robert Spain, Dorothy Spain Shumate, Margaret Irene Spain Cundiff - August 2000 Hoskins Reunion in the park at Potomac, IL



Tom and Bob Spain Sr.



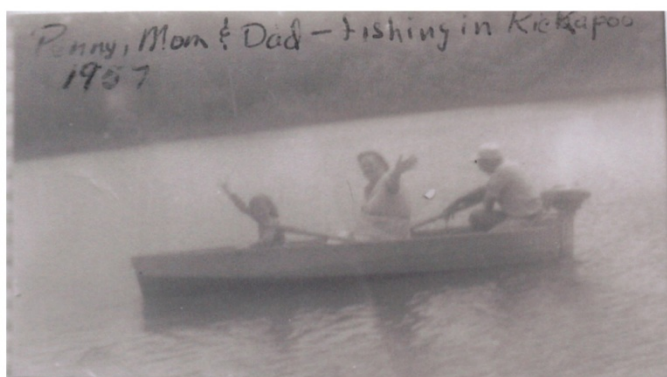
Penny + Bruno 1949



Cindy, Debbie, Gale, Jim and Lynn on Pony (Dolly)



Don & Penny Adams



Penny, Mom & Dad - fishing in Kickapoo  
1957





Sis, Bill, Richard, Pete, Penny, John,  
Adam, Albert, Lester, Harold



In Grand Rapids Michigan Jack + Mac Atwood Eva + Harry 25th Anniversary



Bill Mary Pollock  
Great Great Aunt & Uncle of Harry W. Hoskins  
Mary is a sister to Harry's grand mother Louise, and  
she was a mid-wife to Cary Hoskins' Mother when  
Harry was born. She was very much loved by Harry.  
(Dec 31, 1906)



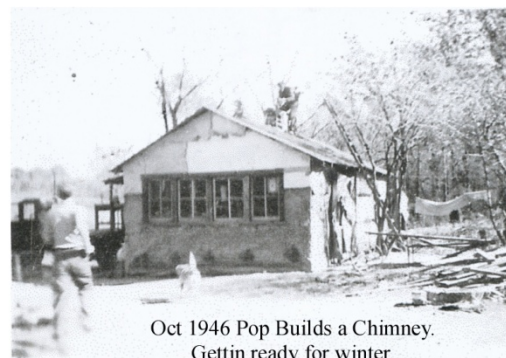
Aunt Louise (Fred's Wife) with  
Grandpa Truman Hoskins  
Early 60's



Harold, Penny, & Lester



Lynanne & Walter Flack



Oct 1946 Pop Builds a Chimney.  
Gettin ready for winter.



# PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming I will sell at Public Auction at the S. A. D. Alexander farm, located 2 miles southeast of Potomac, Illinois and 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Jamesburg, Illinois, on

## TUESDAY, MAR. 7, 1939

beginning at 11 a. m. the following property:



### 3 Head of Horses

1 Blue Roan horse, 6 yrs. old wt. 1600; 1 gray mare, 5 yrs. old, wt. 1600;  
1 bay mare colt coming 2 yrs. old.

### 8 Head of Cattle

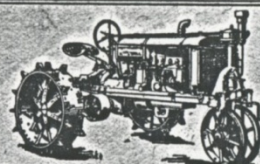


1 red Shorthorn cow, 7 yrs. old, fresh; 1 Jersey, 5 yrs. old, fresh; 1 Jersey and Guernsey, 5 yrs. old, fresh; 1 Shorthorn heifer, to be fresh soon; 1 yearling Guernsey heifer; 2 Shorthorn bull calves; 1 Jersey heifer calf.



### Several Head of Chester White Pigs

### Farming Implements



1 John Deere 16-in. sulky plow; 1 John Deere 14-in. walking plow; 1 Hayes corn planter with 80 rod good wire; 1 8-ft. Janesville disc; 1 7-ft. spader disc; 1 3-section harrow; 2 1-row cultivators; 1 box wagon; 2 sets work harness; collars and pads; 1 Economy King cream separator; other articles too numerous to mention.

### Terms are Cash on Date of Sale

No property to be removed until settled for.

CLARENCE FREDERICKSON, AUCT.

WARD C. CANNON, CLERK

## HARRY W. HOSKINS

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### Harold Hoskins

ATTICA, Ind. (CNS) — Harold M. "Farm" Hoskins, 46, of Judyville, died at 4:17 p.m. yesterday (Nov. 3, 1969) at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where he had been a patient since Sept. 1. He was taken to the hospital following a fall at home. He had been unconscious since the injury.

Mr. Hoskins was born in Hillery, Ill., Dec. 10, 1922, the son of Harold Frank and Hazel Fay Keller Hoskins. He attended Mishawaka High and resided in Carbondale for five years and Hedrick for seven years. He had been a resident of Judyville for the past seven years.

Mr. Hoskins was married Aug. 1, 1942, in Elkhart to Catherine Stratton, who survives. He had farmed in Warren County and had operated a garage at one time in Carbondale.

He was an employe of Harrison Steel Casting Co. for 18 years and three weeks prior to his injury, had been employed at Hyster Co. in Danville.

He was a veteran of World War II with the Merchant Marines. He attended the Methodist Church at Pence.

Other survivors are two daughters, Susan at home and Mrs. Duane (CAROL) Winegardner of Lafayette; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoskins of Pence; one brother, Donald of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; and four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Payton of Fowler, Mrs. James Youree of Hawaii, Mrs. Frank Davis of St. Joseph, Mich., and Mrs. Edward Turner of Niles, Mich.

Services will be at 2 p.m. EST Wednesday at the Pence Methodist Church. The Rev. Everett White will officiate. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery near Pence. The body is at the DeSutter Funeral Home in Attica. Friends will be received after 5 p.m. Tuesday. The body will be taken to the church an hour before services.

### Mrs. Catherine Hoskins

ATTICA, Ind.—Mrs. Catherine Hoskins, 45, of the Judyville Community on Williamsport Route 1, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday (May 2, 1970) at the Community Hospital in Williamsport. She had been a patient for two weeks and in ill health for seven years.

Born Aug. 29, 1924, in South Bend, she was the daughter of Gova and Goldie Burchett Stratton. She was married Aug. 1, 1942, in Elkhart to Harold (Farm) Hoskins, who preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1969. She resided in Carbondale for five years and in the Hedrick area, being a resident of Judyville for seven years.

Mrs. Hoskins attended Mishawaka High and at the time of her death was the switch board operator at Attica Hotel. She was a member of the Pence United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan at home and Mrs. Duane (Carol) Winegardner of Lafayette; her mother, Mrs. Goldie Miller of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Vernynck of South Bend and Mrs. Lucille Halley of Laramie, Wyo.; five brothers, James E. of Oceola, George L. of Indianapolis, Charles of Mishawaka, Dalton of Mishawaka and Dale Stratton of South Bend; one granddaughter.

Services will be at Pence United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Charles Anderson officiating. The body will be taken to the funeral home one hour before services. Burial will be at Jordan Cemetery in Pence. The family has requested memorials be in the form of donations to the Pence United Methodist Church.

The body is at the DeSutter Funeral Home. Friends will be received after 5 p.m. today.

### Otis Wilson, Bismarck, Dies

Bismarck—(CNS)—Funeral services for Otis L. Wilson, 86, near Bismarck, who died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Story, near Liberty School, will be at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Farmers Chapel Church. The Lanham Funeral Home, Henning, will have charge of burial at the church.

Mr. Wilson was the son of John H. and Bolivia McCleary Wilson, and was born at Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Story; a son, Charles, at home, and a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Wiles, Dundas, Ill. Three sisters, eight brothers, one son and one daughter preceded him in death, with his wife, Mrs. Ella Wilson.

### MRS. SMILEY, 66, LONG ILL, DIES AT RESIDENCE

March 3 1932  
Mrs. Maggie Jane Smiley, 66, wife of W. A. Smiley, 719 Cleveland street, died at her home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long illness with complications.

Mrs. Smiley was born in Vermilion county May 26, 1865, a daughter of Azariah and Lucretia Hoskins. Surviving her are two children, Mrs. William Krueger and Azariah R. Morrison, Danville; three brothers, William Hoskins, of Hedrick, Ind., Truman Hoskins, of Potomac, and Clyde Hoskins, of Danville, and two sisters, Mrs. Flora Taylor and Mrs. Leona Alpaugh, Danville.

The body was removed to the Berhalter funeral home. Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence with burial in Johnson cemetery.



ille, Ill. Thursday, Feb. 7, 1980

## Deaths

### Mrs. Anna E. Foreman

Mrs. Anna E. Foreman, 70, of 112 Bremer died Wednesday (Feb. 6, 1980) at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She had been in failing health several years.

Mrs. Foreman was a member of the First Church of God and the Ladies Auxiliary of the International Association of Machinists 230. Her hobbies were cards and gardening.

Born Feb. 21, 1909, in Danville, she was a daughter of Clyde and Laura Hoskins. On Oct. 1, 1927, in Danville, she married Noah E. Foreman. He survives.

Other survivors include a son, Jerry of Danville; two brothers, Charles Hoskins of Canoga Park, Calif., and Clarence Hoskins of Danville; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Barnes of Danville; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakeside Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Gerald Weaver will officiate, with burial in Gordon Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

## OBITUARIES

### Aaron Hoskins

Mr. Aaron Hoskins, 91, of 113 Main St., Kingsbury, died today, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1991, at 3:45 a.m. at LaPorte Hospital.

He was born May 10, 1900, in Pence, Ind., to William and Arilla (Moss) Hoskins, and lived in Kingsbury 46 years. Mr. Hoskins was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene; past president of Kingsbury Town Board; life member of the board of Kingsbury Cemetery Association; charter member of the Policemans League; had been office manager for the mayor of LaPorte; had retired as LaPorte City Engineer and was involved in planning the LaPorte County section of the Indiana Toll Road.

On Sept. 27, 1922, in Danville, Ill., he married Lena Claypool, who died Jan. 16, 1978.

Surviving are five daughters, Dorothy Morgan, Vera Trim and Lorraine Bealor, all of LaPorte; Violet Wurtsbaugh, of South Bend, and Tola Haley, of Dwight, Ill.; three sons, Rev. Raymond, of Muskegon, Mich.; Wayne, of Bradenton, Fla., and Glen, of Valparaiso; 29 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. One son, Dean; one grandson, Steven, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

The funeral will be 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene, with Revs. Raymond E. Hoskins and Dan McDonald officiating. Friends may call at the Haverstock Funeral Home Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. until the service. Burial will be in Kingsbury Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice or to the First Church of the Nazarene.

## City Deaths

### Clarence G. Hoskins

Clarence C. Hoskins, 72, of 821 Perrysville died at 3:20 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 18, 1982) in St. Elizabeth Hospital, where he had been a patient since Dec. 11.

Hoskins was retired from Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. He enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Born March 31, 1910, in Danville, he was a son of Clyde C. and Laura Fugate Hoskins.

Survivors include a good friend, Agatha Liebert of Danville; three sons, Clarence W. and Robert M., both of Danville, and Ronald L. of Livingston, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Junior (Sally) Eck and Mrs. Jerry (Sue) Guthrie, both of Danville; a brother, Charles of Canoga Park, Calif.; a sister, Mable Baines of Danville; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A daughter, a sister and a grandson preceded him in death.

The body will be cremated, with burial in Gordon Cemetery at Danville. There will be no visitation. DeVerter Brother Funeral Home at Cayuga, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.



Aaron Hoskins — a farmer, a trucker, a preacher, a jailer.

H-A photo by Michael Dan

### FRED Spain Jr. Granddaughter Katrina Ann Conn

Died October 5, 1986

Katrina Ann Conn, 4, of Guille Street in Athens died Sunday at UT Hospital in Knoxville.

A native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, she attended Athens Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her parents, Johnny and Elaina Spain Conn; brother, Tommy Conn, all of Athens; maternal grandparents, Fred and Linda Spain of Athens; paternal grandparents, Clinton and Mary Lou

Conn of Estill Springs, Tenn.; great-grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. J.E. Odum and Mrs. Rena McDonald; and aunt, Robin Spain, all of Athens.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Laycock Funeral Home with the Rev. Jan T. Munch officiating. Burial will be in Sullins Cemetery.

The family will receive friends today from 7 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.



## Daniel Glen Graham, Jr. 1924-2001

Daniel Glen Graham, Jr., 77, of 3053 S. Third St., Niles died of natural causes Monday, Dec. 31, 2001 at 10:35 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend, Ind.

Burial will be at a later date in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles.

Graham was born Aug. 4, 1924 in Niles. He was a life-long area resident. On Nov. 15, 1947, he married Mary Spain in Niles. She preceded him in death on Aug. 20, 1995. He served his country during World War II in the U. S. Air Force. He was a volunteer fireman in Niles Township for 15 years and a group leader at National Standard in Niles.

Survivors include: two sons, Kenneth (and Michele) Graham of Niles and William (and Nancy) Graham of Edwardsburg; three daughters, Janet (and Jeff) Webster of Sturgis, Ruth Ann (and Steve) Clanton and Helen Jo (and Kirk) Mackling, both of Niles; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward (and Mary) Graham of Niles; and one sister, Dorothy (and Charles) Olinghouse of Niles.

The family will gather privately for services.  
There will be no visitation.

## Wanda M. Payne 1948-2005

Funeral services for Wanda M. Payne, 57, of East Smith Street, Buchanan, are Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Halbritter Funeral Home, Niles, by Mary Shawl-Ranke, chaplain of Hospice at Home.

She died Saturday at 7:37 p.m. at her home following an extended illness.

Payne was born May 16, 1948, in Niles, where she lived most of her life, moving to Buchanan in 2003.

She was married to Dick VanSandt and later to Larry Biggs. Her last marriage was to Ron Payne, who preceded her in death in December 1999.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Biggs, in 1987, and a sister, Viva Thompson, in 2002.

Payne worked in several area commercial kitchens, including the Eagles Lodge and Quick's Convalescent Home.

Payne was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2094, Niles. She enjoyed the fellowship of playing Bingo, following several soap operas on television and completing crossword puzzles.

Survivors include a daughter, Kem Simpson of Buchanan; four sons, Tom Quick, Charlie Biggs, Roland Payne and George Payne, all of Niles; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Phyllis Mudd, Judy Wedding and Donna Smith, all of Niles, Barbara Jo Petty and Frances Gay, both of Portland, Ore.; and two brothers, Donald "Oscar" Quick of South Bend and Ronald "Butch" Quick of Wisconsin.

Friends may call beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday

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## Obituaries

### Franklin Lee Spain 1941-2008

Franklin Lee Spain, 67, of S. 13th St. Niles died on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Ind., of an extended illness.

A life celebration service with friends and family will be held at Brown Funeral Home at 521 E. Main Street in Niles, on Monday, July 21, at 6 p.m. Thoughts and stories can be shared.

A time of visitation will begin on Monday at 4 p.m.

Funeral Services will be at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tennessee Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Graveside services will be held at Sullen Cemetery in Athens, Tenn. July 25, at 10 a.m. Full military honors will be provided by the United States Marine Corps.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1941, in Potomac, Ill. to Fred T. Spain and Hulda A. (Hoskins) Spain. He lived most of his lifetime in Niles.

He was employed by Electro-Voice of Buchanan, as a national service manager, for more than 43 years, where he spent 20 years in the middle of his career in Sevierville, Tenn.

He graduated from Niles High School, Niles, with the Class of 1959. He then served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964.

He was president of Sevier County Jaycees, and a lifetime member of the Tennessee Jaycees. He received a degree from the University of Tennessee, and continued his education in computers and Business.

His favorite pastimes were rebuilding cars, computers and tending auctions. He enjoyed time spent with his family and friends, and was always willing to help someone who needed his assistance.

On Aug. 15, 1964, in Portsmouth, Va., he married Juanita Odum, who survives.

Surviving him also are his brother, Ron (Rosemary) Spain of Niles, sisters, Frances Varga of Niles, Martha Bryant of Florida, Beverly (Ray) Birczak of Niles, Laura Laverna Wright of Niles, and Julia (Roger) Marrow also of Niles. Also surviving is a special sister-in-law Linda Spain and a brother-in-law Sonny Odum.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Fred Spain Jr. and sisters, Carrie Stucker, Hattie Quick, Mary Graham, and Florence Shafer.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Family or friends wishing to leave a condolence, message, or picture may do so on [www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com).

Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, and Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens, Tenn.



Franklin Spain



## Obituaries

### Ellis F. Bryant 1923-1992 retired from Clark Equipment

Funeral services for Ellis F. Bryant, 68, formerly of Niles, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Beyers Funeral Home, 279 Central Ave., Umatilla, Fla.

Mr. Bryant died Monday at 12:45 p.m. at Fish Memorial Hospital, Oeland, Fla., following an extended illness.

He was born May 14, 1923, in Hoopston, Ill.

Mr. Bryant retired in 1978 from Clark Equipment, Buchanan, and then moved to Florida. He was a life member of the VFW and DAV.

He served in the United States Navy through the European and Pacific invasions aboard the U.S.S. Birmingham from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Bryant moved to Niles in 1945, where he married Martha L. Bryant (Spain), who survives in Paisley, Fla.

Other survivors include a daughter, Linda L. Jackson of South Bend, Ind., and a son, Dennis L.

Bryant of Niles; and two granddaughters, Kellie L. Jackson of South Bend, Ind., and Nicole L. Bryant of Niles.



To the Right:  
Ellis F. Bryant

*Hulda's Son*

### Memorial Obituary Fred Thomas Spain Jr.

Died Jan. 7, 1998

Retired SS1 U.S. Navy, Fred Thomas Spain Jr., 62, of Athens, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998.

A native of Potomac, Ill., and resident of Athens since 1973, he was a son of the late Fred Thomas and Hulda Marie Hoskins Spain Sr. and was preceded in death by one son, Harry Megill; one granddaughter, Katrina Ann Conn; and two sisters, Mary Graham and Florence Shaffer.

He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1973 as Ship Serviceman First Class and was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. He was a retired employee of Thomas & Betts, a former employee of T.V.A., and attended Athens Lutheran Church LCMS.

Survivors include, his wife, Linda Odum Spain of Athens; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy and Rex Henry of Chattanooga, Elaina Conn and Robin and Don Long, all of Athens; one son and daughter-in-law, Howard E. and Jutta Megill of Raeford, N.C.; former daughter-in-law, Brenda Gale Megill of Fayetteville, N.C.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jarvis and Della

Odum; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Rosemary Spain and Frank and Juanita Spain, all of Niles, Mich.; seven sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carrie Stucker of Niles, Mich., Martha Bryant of Deland, Fla., Frances Varga, Hattie Quick, Beverly and Ray Birczak, La-Verna Wright, and Julie and Roger Morrow, all of Niles, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Josh Megill, Cara Megill, Lauren Megill, Chris Megill, Rex Henry Jr., Elisha Henry, Tommy Conn and BayLee Long, and Anthony Sanchez. Several nieces & nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with the Rev. Jan T. Munch officiating. Burial will be in Sullins Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Scott Young, Scott Bowman, Marvin K. Farris, Tom Spain, Tony Allman, Johnny Conn and Josh Tillman.

Graveside Military Honors will be by the Volunteer State Honor Guard of Knoxville.

The family will receive friends Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

*CARRIE Stucker's  
Sherry Feb-2-1982  
Grand-daughter  
Grandson-Jerry 4-2-89  
April 2-1987*

### GERALD LEROY BIGGS

Gerald LeRoy Biggs, 16, 730 N. Fifth St., Niles, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday on Portage Road in Niles near the state line in an automobile accident.

Born May 17, 1970 in Niles, he was a lifetime area resident.

Surviving are his stepfather, Ron Payne of Niles; his mother, Wanda Mae Payne of Niles; his maternal grandmother, Carrie Stucker of Niles; and four brothers, Thomas Quick, Charles Biggs and Roland and George Payne, all of Niles.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Pifer-Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



Fred Thomas Spain Jr.



### Raymond Birczak

June 25, 1926 — Jan. 14, 2009

**NILES** — Raymond Birczak, 82, of 2343 Bond Street, died at 9:38 a.m. Wednesday in his home of natural causes.

He was born on June 25, 1926 in Detroit, MI to the late Charles and Helen Birczak.

He loved to help people for only a hug. Helped many people rebuild their homes or remodel them. Was always there to lend a hand before he retired and even after he was hurt helping a friend fix a roof. He was a carpenter all his life. He was a lifetime resident in Berrien Center and Niles.

On January 3, 1948 in Niles he married Beverly Spain and she survives. Also surviving are a son, Todd (Sandy) Birczak of Bradenton, FL; daughters, Carol (Bob) Perkins of Indianapolis, Faith (Mike) Bailey of Charlotte, MI, and Besty (Kevin) Phillips of Holland, MI; brother, Steven Birczak of Irons, MI; and a sister, Mary Liggett of Niles; grandchildren, Robert Ray Perkins, Brian Perkins, Erin Williams, Ryan Bailey, Brooke Bailey, Chelsea Birczak, Nathan Birczak, Keith Phillips and Lydia Phillips; and great-grandchildren, Collin and Connor Perkins, Abigail and Camaron Perkins, Mason and Cooper Bailey, Hudson Bailey and Trey Williams.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday January 17, 2009, in Hoven Funeral Home Buchanan, with Steve Clanton officiating. Burial will be at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles, at a later date.

Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Hoven Funeral Home Buchanan.

### Mindi R. Williamson

Jan. 14, 1973 — Oct. 6, 2001

Mindi Rena Williamson, 28, born Jan. 14, 1973, died after a short illness on Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, Ind.



She was a lost soul looking for safe haven. She loved sunflowers, life and her children.

She is survived by two sons, Taylor and Damien Davison; their father and stepmother, Eric (Nicky) Davison of Niles, Mich.; a daughter, Jayleen Rose Johnson of Niles; mother, Debbie Williamson; stepfather, Robert Brotherton of Lakeside, Mich.; a brother, Scott Williamson of Lakeside; grandparents, Ralph and Carol Brotherton of Lakeside; grandmother, Pauline Williamson of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and by aunts, Nancy Stazack and Terry Dutkiewicz of Niles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Allen Williamson; grandfather and grandmother, George and Florence Shaffer; and grandfather, Elvie Williamson.

Her body has been donated to Indiana University Medical School, Indianapolis. The family asks that donations go to the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, and to the American Heart or Lung Associations.

The family asks that cards not be sent to the family but her mother will accept flowers. There will be a memorial service at a future date.

### George Charles Shaffer



**EAU CLAIRE** —

George Charles Shaffer, 70, of Eau Claire, formerly of Niles, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, following an illness.

A private memorial service will be held at Mission Hills Memorial Chapel, Niles, with inurnment to follow in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles, at a later date. There will be no visitation. The family is being served by Legacy Family Funeral Services — Matthew R. Purchase Chapel, Berrien Springs. Friends wishing to express condolences to the family may do so by mailing a card to 33589 Zero Lane, Eau Claire, MI 49111 or leave a family message at [www.legacyfuneral.com](http://www.legacyfuneral.com). Memorials in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Ducks Unlimited.

George was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Niles, Mich., to Hillis and Ruth (Hanerbein) Shaffer. He was a graduate of Niles High School and served his country proudly in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was employed most of his life at Kawneer Products in Niles before opening the Happy Landing Sports Center in Niles. George was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman.

On May 28, 1963, in Niles, he married Florence Spain, who preceded him in death in 1983. He was also preceded in death by his son, George, in 1974.

Survivors include: three daughters — Debbie Jackson of Lakeside, Mich., Nancy (Steve) Staszak of Palos Hills, Ill., and Terrie (Bob) Dutkiewicz of Eau Claire, with whom he resided; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Sally (Roy) Jellison, and a brother, Bill (Marney) Shaffer, both of Denver, Colo.



Michigan 1980

#### Grady Lee Jarman

**NILES** — Grady Lee Jarman, 87, of 2007 Pucker Street Drive, died early today in Pawating Hospital. He was born on Aug. 12, 1892, in Paris, Tenn. He was retired in 1961 from the French Paper Co. On July 2, 1956, in Angola, he married Hulda A. Spain, who survives. Also surviving are seven sons, L. G. of Michigan, James of South Bend, Bill of Chicago, John and Glen, both of Niles, J.T. of Gobles, Mich., and Howard of Texas; nine stepdaughters, Mrs. Carey Stucker, Mrs. Hattie Quick, Mrs. Fran Vargo, Mrs. Bev Bircyak, Mrs. Mary Graham, Mrs. Florence Shaffer, Mrs. Laverna Wright and Mrs. Julia Marrow, all of Niles, and Mrs. Martha Bryant of DeLand, Fla.; three stepsons, Frank Spain of Sevierville, Tenn., Fred Spain of Athens, Tenn., and Ron Spain of Niles; 65 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Maggie Taylor of Paris, Tenn., Mrs. Dora Edwards of Griffith, Ind., Mrs. Irene Clemans of Joplin, Mo., Betty of Chicago, and Carey of Paris, Tenn.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Pifer-Smith Funeral Home. Rev. Fred Smith, pastor of South Niles Community Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Silverbrook Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral

#### Sherry Lee Smith

Sherry Lee Smith, age 2, of 2030 Lewis Dr., Niles, died at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday at Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor following an extended illness.

She was born on October 30, 1979 in Niles, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Smith.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Carrie Stucker of Berrien Springs, Elmer Quick of Berrien Springs and Ruby Smith of Mena, Ark.; great-grandmother, Mrs. Hulda Jarman of Niles; a brother, Rodney Williams, at home; and a sister, Carrie Williams, at home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Halbritter Funeral Home in Niles. Rev. Donald A. Wieber of St. Mark's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Halbritter Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Niles Community Library.

#### Mary May Graham

1927-1995

homemaker

There will be no services for Mary May Graham, 68, of 3053 S. Third St., Niles, who died at 4:35 a.m. Sunday at her home.

She was born March 7, 1927, in Potomac, Ill., and had lived in Niles since 1941, coming from Potomac.

On Nov. 15, 1947, in Niles, she married Daniel G. Graham, Jr., who survives.

Mrs. Graham was a homemaker.

In addition to her husband, survivors include three daughters, Janet Webster of Sturgis, and Ruth Ann Clanton and Helen Mackling, both of Niles; two sons, Kenneth Graham of Niles and William Graham of Edwardsburg; 11 grandchildren; seven sisters, Carrie Stucker, Hattie Quick, Frances Varga, Beverly Brozak, Laverne Wright, and Julia Marrow, all of Niles, and Marty Bryant of Paisley, Fla.; and three brothers, Ron and Frank Spain, both of Niles, and Fred Spain of Athens, Tenn.

Arrangements were completed by Hoven Funeral Home in Buchanan

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#### Obituaries

#### Hattie Pauline (Spain) Quick 1921-2007

Hattie P. Quick, 85, of Niles, died Thursday May 3, 2007 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind., following a brief illness.

In keeping with her wishes, no services will be held and an interment will take place at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

She was born Oct. 6, 1921, in Potomac, Illinois to the late Fred and Halda Spain.

Hattie married George Quick, who preceded her in death.

A homemaker most of her life, Hattie also cooked and helped the family at Quick Convalescent Home. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and helped as a volunteer for Niles Senior Center.

Hattie is survived by a son Victor (Roberta) Quick of Niles; two grandchildren Victoria Hughes of Cincinnati, Ohio and Matthew Quick of Cincinnati; a step-grandchild Matt (Robbie) Center of Buchanan; three great-grandchildren, Shannon and Kyle Center of Buchanan and Clair Hughes of Cincinnati; four sisters, Julia (Roger) Marrow of Niles, Laverna Wright of Niles, Frances Vargo of Niles and Beverly (Ray) Birczak of Niles; two brothers Frank (Juanita) Spain of Niles and Ron (Rosemary) Spain of Niles.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Niles Senior Center 1109 Bell Road Niles, MI 49120.

Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Niles.



CASKETBEARERS

Dennis Bryant

Udell Strack

Tom Spain

Charles Bishop

Bob Dutkiewicz

Steve Staszak

**Wallace Gene Wright**

**NILES** — Services for Wallace Gene Wright, 54, of 921 N. Cedar St., who died at 12:32 p.m. Sunday in Lakeview Medical Center, Danville, Ill., of natural causes, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Pifer-Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Wright was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Rogers, Ark. On May 2, 1953, in Fond du Lac, Wis., he married Laura LaVerna Spain, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Jeri Folkers and Lueann Wright, both of Niles; four sons, David E., Brent T. and Terry W., all of Niles, and Lance Cpl. Hugh A. Wright, a U.S. Marine stationed in Guam; five grandchildren; a sister, Char-

lene Wright of Marietta, Ga.; three brothers, Ronald J. of Tulsa, Okla., Gary W. of Washington, D.C. and Larry W. of Oshkosh, Wis.; and his parents, Lucille and Charles Brittin of Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Wright was an Army veteran, having served in Korea. He was employed as a pipe-fitter and welder, and was a member of Local 513 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union of Benton Harbor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge in Benton Harbor, and YMCA Men's Club.

IN MEMORY OF  
WALLACE GENE WRIGHT

DATE OF BIRTH

September 4, 1929

DATE OF DEATH

August 5, 1984

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICES

August 9, 1984

1:30 P.M.

SERVICES HELD AT

Pifer-Smith

Funeral Home

CLERGYMAN

Rev. Robert Freitas

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Mission Hills

Memorial Gardens

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**Veva L. Thompson**  
**1946-2002**

A memorial service for Veva L. Thompson, 55, of Amarillo, Texas, and formerly of Niles, will be held Monday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at Mission Hills Memorial Chapel in Niles.

Burial will be in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles.

Thompson died in her home in Amarillo, Texas Friday, Jan. 25 at 2 a.m., following an illness.

Thompson was born Feb. 6, 1946 in Niles to Carrie Spain and Elmer Quick. She was employed as a lift truck operator at United Technologies in Niles for 14 years before retiring in 1997. She moved to Amarillo, Texas that same

year. She had resided there for four years.

Survivors include: her husband, Gene Thompson; two sons, Douglas E. (and Sandra) and Edward E. (and Dawn) Thompson, Jr., both of Amarillo, Texas; three daughters, Vicky K. Devine and Nikki Thompson, both of Niles, and Ann (and Rick) Moore of Stevensville; nine grandchildren; and four sisters, Phyllis (and Lou) Mudd, Judy (and Barb) Wedding, Wanda Payne, and Donna Smith, all of Niles.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at Mission Hills Memorial Chapel in Niles.

Memorial contributions may be made to BSA Hospice, 200 N. W. Seventh St., Amarillo, Texas 79107.

The family is being served by Mission

Hills Memorial Gardens, Chapel, and Crematory of Niles and Legacy Family Funeral Services-Matthew R. Purchase Chapel of Berrien Springs.



## Margaret Irene Cundiff

HOOPESTON April 02, 2008 10:57 am

— Margaret Irene Cundiff, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at the Chestnut Street Church of Christ. Pastor Andy Johnson to officiate. Burial in the Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 4 at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

Margaret was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Potomac, the daughter of Jess W. and Dora O. Hoskins Spain. She married Francis E. Cundiff Nov. 20, 1944, in Oakwood. Survived by her husband, Francis of 63 years; two daughters, Marilyn Shown of Searcy, Ark., and Marlena DePetris of Benton, Ark.; two sons, Melvin Cundiff of Royalton, Ill., and Marvin Cundiff of Brownsville, Ky.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Truman (Buck) Spain of Newman and Robert Spain of Collison, Ill.; two sisters, Dorothy Shumate of Danville and Alice Brown of Rantoul. She was preceded by one son, two brothers and one sister.

Margaret will always be remembered for her love that she showed to her family and the children she babysat and helped raised. She enjoyed flowers and plastic crafts. She was a member of the Chestnut Street Church of Christ. Memorials to Diabetes Foundation or donor's choice. The family has placed their "Trust" in the Wolfe Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

### Mrs. Leah Spain

POTOMAC, Ill. — Mrs. Leah Ruth Spain, 50, of Potomac Route 2, died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday (May 1, 1983) at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. She was stricken ill while camping at the Timber Meadows Camp Grounds near Goodwin. She was taken to Iroquois Memorial where she died shortly after being admitted.

A life resident of Potomac, she was educated at the Manuel High School in Peoria. She previously had worked at the General Electric Co. in Danville 11 years. A fishing and camping enthusiast, she was a member of Timber Meadows Camp Ground club. She also was a member of TOPS Club of Potomac.

Born Feb. 22, 1933, in Ellis, she was a daughter of George and Ruth Spain Cox. She was married to Bob Spain of Potomac April 14, 1952. He survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. George (Karen) Wright of Danville; three sons, Mike Cox of Westville, Bob Spain Jr. of Potomac and Tom Spain of Niles, Mich.; three brothers, Ethan Cox, Clifford Cox and Tom Cox, all of Dallas, Texas; three sisters, Bonnie Plumber of Paris, Shirley Means of Metcalf and Connie Wright of Westville; and 15 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Potomac Cemetery. Dale Baldwin will officiate. Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Morrison Funeral Home in Bismarck.

### Mildred Carpenter

DANVILLE — Mildred C. Carpenter, 71, of Danville died at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday (Sept. 10, 2002) at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan Campus, Danville.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville. The Rev. Raymie Gordon will officiate.

Visitation will be from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at Lakeside-Barrick Funeral Chapel, 3550 N. Vermilion St., Danville.

Mrs. Carpenter was born May 8, 1931, in Henning, a daughter of Jesse W. and Dora Olive Hoskins Spain. She married Carl Carpenter on July 2, 1950, in Potomac. He died Sept. 11, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Powell of Danville; three grandchildren; three brothers, Bob Spain of Collison, Wilbur Spain of Paxton and Truman Spain of Newman; and three sisters, Irene Cundiff of Hoopeston, Dorothy Schumate of Danville and Alice Brown of Rantoul.

She was preceded in death by two daughters and a brother.

Mrs. Carpenter worked at the snack bar at Zayre and at a laundromat. She enjoyed gardening and crocheting, and she was a Cubs fan.

### Marjorie Spain

POTOMAC — Funeral services for Marjorie R. Spain, 70, of rural Potomac will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Morrison Funeral Home, 101 Maiden Lane, Bismarck, with the Rev. Bob White officiating. Burial will be in the Potomac Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Spain died at 7:27 p.m. Monday (March 14, 1994) at Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.

She was born Dec. 4, 1923, at Cheneyville, a daughter of William and Mattie Gustafson Owens. She married Truman Buck Spain on May 23, 1942. He survives.

Other survivors include four daughters, Anne Tellier of New Mexico, Gretchen LaBuhn of Texas and Emilie Spain and Melodie Menke, both of Florida; a son, Truman Spain Jr. of Kansas; two adopted daughters, Becky Goble and Gloria Greenslate, both of Bismarck; a sister, Dorothy Davis of Danville; a brother, Bill Owens of Paxton; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a graduate of Armstrong Township High School, a member of the Potomac United Methodist Church, president of American Legion Post 428 Auxiliary and a leader of TOPS #709.

Mrs. Spain also was the first female life member of the Wabash Valley Beagle Club and a member of the Illiana Pigeon Club.





**Date Posted:** Jan 13, 2007

**Description:**

11 Jan 2006 Commercial News:

Wilbur L. Spain, age 82, of Elliott, Illinois died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2007 at the Gibson area hospital, Gibson City. Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. at Lamb Funeral Home in Gibson City with the Rev. Lisa Goodwin officiating. Burial will be in Elliott Cemetery in Elliott. Visitation will be from 1 - 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Spain was born Jan 8, 1925 in Vermilion County, Illinois, son of Jesse and Dora Hoskins Spain. He married Norma Snider on Oct 10, 1970 in Potomac. She died May 13, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharyl Kelleher and Sharon Busy, both of California, and Pam Kerns of Elliott, nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; two brothers, Truman Spain of Newman and Bob Spain of Potomac; and three sisters. Alice Brown of Rantoul, Irene Cundiff of Hoopeston and Dorothy Shumate of Danville. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, a brother and sister.

He worked as a mechanic in at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul and was a farmer. He was a stock car driver for many years.

He was a member of the Pontoppin Lutheran Church in Elliott, the Rantoul Moose Lodge and the Potomac American Legion. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Delbert Shumate**

POTOMAC, Ill. — Delbert A. Shumate, 63, of Potomac, died at 3:15 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 24, 1980) at Lakeview Medical Center in Danville.

He was a carpenter and a member of Carpenters Union 703 and the Potomac Church of Christ.

A resident of Potomac 35 years, his hobbies were fishing, hunting and gardening.

**Robin Shumate**

JAMESBURG, Ill. — Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Potomac Church of Christ for Robin Lynn Shumate, 14, of the Jamesburg community on Potomac Route 2. She died at 12:17 p.m. Sunday (March 27, 1983) at Lakeview Medical Center in Danville. She had been a patient since March 18.

Dale Baldwin will officiate. Burial will be in Partlow Cemetery in Armstrong. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Morrison Funeral Home in Bismarck.

The family has requested that memorials be in the form of contributions to the Potomac Church of Christ.

A life resident of Jamesburg and Potomac areas, she was an eighth grade student at Potomac Grade School. She enjoyed participating in all school activities, especially playing the clarinet in the school band. She was very creative in art work. She attended the Potomac Church of Christ.

Born Feb. 16, 1969, at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, she was the daughter of Charles E. and Sally Ann Cremeens Shumate.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Tammy ReNae at home; a brother, Jeremy Charles at home; her maternal grandparents, William and Violet Cremeens of Gifford; her paternal grandmother, Dorothy Shumate of Potomac; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Delbert Shumate.

Born Nov. 6, 1917, in Ludlow, he was the son of Elmer and Mary Ketchum Shumate. On Feb. 18, 1944, at Watseka, he married Dorothy Spain, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Riggelman of Alvin and Mary at home; four sons, Allen, Charles and Dwight, all of Potomac, and David of Danville; three sisters, Mrs. Arvella Thompson of Bluffton, Ind., Mrs. Sarah Davis of Royal and Mrs. Violet McDonald in North Dakota; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Potomac Church of Christ, with Gary Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Partlow Cemetery at Armstrong. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The body will be taken to the church at noon Saturday.

**Elizabeth F. Martin**

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Martin, 67, of 505 Robinson, died at 1 p.m. yesterday (June 20, 1970) at Lake View Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient one day. She had been in ill health several months.

Born March 27, 1903, in Bismarck, she was a daughter



MRS.  
ELIZABETH  
MARTIN

of Frank and Dora Hoskins Taylor. She attended Grange Hall School and also Smith and State Line, Ind., schools.

An employee of Grogan Photo Co. here for many years, she was most recently employed at Danville Sportswear Co.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ila Burke and a son, Floyd, both of Danville; two brothers, John Taylor of Danville, and Cleo Taylor of Claypool, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Lueree Copas of Danville and Mrs. Delores Lowe of Alvin, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and one great-grandchild.

Hobbies included reading.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of World War I.

Services for Mrs. Martin will be 2 p.m. Monday at The Berhalter Funeral Home with the Rev. Eldon Gourley officiating. Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery, northeast of Danville. Visitation will be at the funeral home 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.



# HOSKINS FAMILY REUNION - 28 AUGUST 1913



Description: This is the George (Wash) Hoskins 1913 Reunion held at Potomac, IL. Most, attending, lived around Potomac or Henning and Blount Twp., and are buried in Potomac & Johnsonville... namely Hoskins, Potter, Swisher, White, Acton, Jolley, Pettice, Fairchild, etc. In the mid-1860s, the following moved to Stearns Co., MN and are buried in Eden Lake Cem., of Eden Valley. Their stones read, L to R., Wm R. & Eliza Shumate Hoskins, Elza D. Hoskins s/o Wm R. & Eliza, and Arariah Sr. and Sarah Swisher Hoskins.

1	LENA FERN FAIRCHILD	2	FLORENCE FAIRCHILD	3	DAKLEY HOSKINS	4	JANE POTTER	5	ROSALYNE POTTER
6	BERT A. POTTER	7	BERT A. POTTER	8	ARNOLDE POTTER	9	HAROLD J. POTTER	10	DAISY POTTER FAIRCHILD
11	BERT HOSKINS	12	BERT HOSKINS	13	FRANK HOSKINS	14	UL. GRANT FAIRCHILD	15	SARAH MAE POTTER
16	SHARAH FAIRCHILD	17	WIM C. HOSKINS	18	MARY (GOLD) HOSKINS	19	GEO. T. POTTER	20	MARTIN D. HOSKINS
21	MAE B. POTTER	22	ELIJAH POTTER	23	THEO. D. POTTER	24	GEO. RILEY HOSKINS	25	WIM HENRY POTTER
26	KENNETH JOLLEY	27	GEO. (WASH) HOSKINS	28	MARY E. HOSKINS	29	HARRIET (A) POTTER	30	STELLA (A) HOSKINS
31	THEO. GEORGE HOSKINS	32	CARRIE (A) HOSKINS	33	EARL HOSKINS	34	JOHN W. HOSKINS	35	LEAH (A) HOSKINS
36	DONALD D. HOSKINS	37	LETTA POTTER	38	MYRTLE (A) HOSKINS	39	CLAYTON (A) HOSKINS	40	LEAH (A) HOSKINS
41	GOLDIE (H) WHITE	42	GEO. R. POTTER (DR.)	43	EMMA POTTER	44	ELIC (G) HOSKINS	45	MYRTLE (H) JOLLEY
46	GEO. ULA PETTICE	47	GEORGE (C) HOSKINS	48	EDNA (A) HOSKINS	49	MINNIE POTTER	50	MAUDE POTTER
51	CHARLES POTTER	52	PEARL (H) SWISHER	53	CECIL HOSKINS	54	GRANT SHANKLIN	55	HOMER JOLLEY
56	CHARLES POTTER	57	NEWELL POTTER	58	CECIL HOSKINS	59	GRANT SHANKLIN	60	HOMER JOLLEY
61	GILBERT G. HOSKINS	62	RUBY (H) PETTICE	63	MILTON PETTICE	64	ELIZABETH POTTER	65	ELIZABETH POTTER
66	GILBERT G. HOSKINS	67	RUBY (H) PETTICE	68	MILTON PETTICE	69	ELIZABETH POTTER	70	ELIZABETH POTTER
71		72		73		74		75	

# The Family History Widow

By J.C. Hoskins

My Husband is gone, no Longer around  
The grass needs mowing & he's nowhere to be found!

The sink needs fixen & the house needs some paint.  
So many Honeydoos I think I will faint!

No he hasn't passed on and he isn't dead  
He's off with his relatives who have gone on ahead!

He's studying their pasts, off in his own little room,  
And if I don't get some attention he'll be with them soon!

So when I'm not sure where he is. It's never a Mystery!  
He's off working on his Family History!